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Woman dead after ATV crashes into pole

CRASH An ATV crash northeast of Calgary has claimed the life of a 39-year-old woman.

Emergency crews were called to the crash site, a rural range road near Edberg, about 225 km northeast of Calgary about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The woman had been riding in a ditch and lost control of a 2008 Yamaha Grizzly ATV, slamming into a power pole.

She died en route to the hospital.

The woman was wearing a helmet, and alcohol was not believed to be a factor, Bashaw RCMP Cst. Ferlin Desjarlais said.

So far, this year, there have been 47 ATV deaths in RCMP jurisdictions across Canada, 16 of them in Alberta.

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English Debate

Harper on hot seat

TOM HANSON/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper talks with Liberal party Leader Stéphane Dion during the English leaders' debate in Ottawa last night. For more coverage of the debate please see pg 8.

Hackers crack provincial websites

Computer hackers have found cracks in provincial websites and accessed sensitive government information, including heath records, financial statements and driver's licences, Alberta's auditor general said yesterday.

"Footprints" had been left from outside sources that accessed confidential information, said Auditor General Fred Dunn. "We don't know how they did it, or what they took from those sites."

"Because information security in the government is not consistently enforced, all information assets are exposed to unacceptable risk."

Dunn said no one oversees the province's information security online and recommended the province look into building a central security office to prevent hackers from accessing Albertans' personal information.

The auditor general's office says it also identified a "disappointingly" large number of vulnerabilities in 69 government websites it audited in May.

Dunn also said the province failed to protect its physical database that is kept behind an insecure door, along with a keypad and a note above it with a code. "We're not aware of anyone being impacted by this, but there is a risk."

The province is already taking steps to improve its computer security after it notified government officials about it last spring, according to Dunn.

The office didn't want to publicize the information until yesterday in fears that it would give hackers a chance to "attack Alberta," he said.

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$50M to get cops
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What you don't know might be surprising.

Then again, maybe not.

It's a case of the latter for Shannon Wagner. She was well aware of the city's $50-million plea for 400 new police officers, but in the dark that it would require another $50-million every year to maintain the surge in ranks.

"I had no idea. I'm not surprised though, once you hire them, you've got to keep paying them," Wagner said, adding it depends on what's happening from year to year whether the cost is ultimately worth it.

FACT: The Calgary Police Services finance department said it costs $125,000 annually to field a fully equipped officer.

Deputy chief Murray Stooke said citizens will get their money's worth — even if it takes some time.

"We have to do something here to have an impact. How effective we are at that and how effective the system becomes, will only be told in time," he said.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier, said annual costs associated with more boots on the street — over and above the initial $50 million to field them — shouldn't come as a shock.

"You like to get paid every two weeks, don't you" Bronconnier said. "Well, so do the police. And look, when you undertake something like this there's going to be future costs associated — that's pretty obvious."

But Ald. Brian Pincott believes the city still hasn't considered the ramifications, including tax hikes or scaled back and dropped programs, to ensure the police are fully able to fund the additional recruits into the future.

"We haven't done nearly enough thinking on the long term commitment here," Pincott said.

"Hiring more police shouldn't be our only solution, it's not a simple problem.

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Old Calgary General remembered
Friends of Medicare will be hosting a memorial for the 10th anniversary of the Calgary General Hospital demolition tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the old hospital site. METRO CALGARY

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Spooky science

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CIBC Run for the Cure this weekend

CANCER About 10,000 breast cancer survivors, friends, family and supporters will be running one step at a time to the finish line this weekend.

Billed by organizers as the largest single-day fundraising event, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's CIBC Run for the Cure is important because the money goes towards cancer research, according to co-run director Nadine Tratch.

"It shows you that your support of the cause does make a difference in the lives of all those who have been affected by breast cancer," she added.

Calgarians will be running or walking either 1 km or 5km at the 17th annual event, which takes place on Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Southcentre Mall.

Last year the city raised $1.8 million to go towards the fight against breast cancer.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

CIFF announces new $25K prize

FILM Building on the positive momentum of the recently-ended 9th Calgary International Film Festival, organizers announced yesterday an American Express sponsored $25,000 cash prize to Movie Mavericks.

What is a 'movie maverick'? The Calgary Film Festival is opening the new Movie Maverick category to showcase local, national and worldwide filmmaking talent and their films that forge new cinematic ground and fly in the face of conventional success models.

"Movie Mavericks will have a real and significant impact on CIFF and the City of Calgary," said Jacqueline Dupuis, executive director, Calgary International Film Festival. METRO CALGARY

Track and Field **Jumping higher than the rest**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Julia Cameron, 12, from Midford Middle School in Cochrane got first place in the high jump event held yesterday at the Rocky View Middle School Track and Field meet held at the Foothills Athletic Park.

'Critical hours' wants $1M

Program to keep youth off streets asks city for funds

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You've got to start young.

In an effort to try and prevent crime before it happens, the city's community and protective services committee will discuss a Calgary Neighbourhood Services report requesting more than $1 million in funding Wednesday for city-wide 'critical hours' programs designed to keep youth off the streets between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"That time period is when kids are out of school and their parents aren't home yet, so it's a prime time for trouble-making," said Ald. Brian Pincott.

"We need to be doing more to dissuade our youth from getting involved in illegal activities."

University of Calgary social science professor Michael Boyes said providing a broad range of children with something positive to do when they're free from adult supervision will benefit society in both the short and long term.

"When left to their own devices, there will always be children who get involved in mischievous behaviour," he said. "The challenge is making sure the kids get connected to the programs and want to participate."

Boyes said a chess club wouldn't necessarily work, but physical activities and non-competitive sports may be the best option.

"Especially for youth in that junior high school range when sports are starting to streamline into more competitive realms, programs like this could certainly help fill a gap for a lot of kids," he said.

2006 youth crime trends

- 2,040 youth charged with crime
- 78 per cent of those crimes were committed Mon-Fri
- 24 per cent of crime took place between 3-6 p.m.

27 per cent of crimes were committed by 16-year-olds

SOURCE: A PROFILE IN YOUTH OFFENDERS IN CALGARY

MRC students can get 'free' dental care

HEALTH Mount Royal College students can now keep money in their pockets and stay on campus when addressing their dental concerns.

Registered dental hygienist Joelle Pickles will be offering dental services to MRC students without charging them directly, instead going straight to their providers through the school.

"We just wanted to be able to provide students with the opportunity to take care of their dental care without having to worry about the money upfront," wellness facilities administrator Francesca Mancini said.

Pickles offered her services at the school because she noticed many young adults tend to neglect their dental health, which also affects other areas of health.

The services will be offered to students at the Wellness Centre on Tuesdays for now and Saturdays later if all goes well.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

News in brief

FUNERAL Hundreds of people are expected to attend the Saturday funeral of Emily Stauffer, the 14-year-old killed, in a brutal pathway attack in Edson last week. The service will be held at the Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School and is open to the public.

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What's online today.

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Walle's sentencing delayed

For the third time in six months, a man convicted of murder had his sentencing hearing adjourned. Adrian Walle was convicted in the murder of bar owner Jeffrey Shuckburgh in 2004 and will now have a sentencing date of Nov. 10. METRO CALGARY

YMCA gives immigrant students a head start

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Overcoming language barriers is just one of the many challenges immigration students face, but a Calgary program is helping ease the transition.

And tonight 200 culturally-diverse high school students are set to graduate from YMCA's Calgary Achievement program because of it.

"What we're trying to do is teach students the leadership and career skills they need, not just for school, but for their careers too," YMCA program manager Crystal Okasha said.

Okasha said the transition for students is apparent after the year-long program. "They often start out shy and timid. They maybe just don't feel quite comfortable yet," she said. "But at the end they are excited and confident and have made a lot of friends."

That was the case for 27-year-old Ilinca Poon, who came to Calgary from Romania in 1998 and took part in the program for two years.

"When I came here I didn't know how to do the process of resumés and interviews," she said.

"I didn't have any skills like that.

Poon now works as a student's assistant and is studying to become a teacher.

Graduation numbers

- Since the program started in 1990, 1,500 students have graduated. Last year, 45 graduate students found paid positions.

U of C campus without students' rights adviser

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Pamela Weatherbee, Student Union VP for Academics, is serving as student rights adviser while the university looks to fill the position.

EDUCATION University of Calgary students who feel wronged still don't have a student rights advisor to talk to.

In the past when students had concerns about how they were treated academically, they could speak with a professional students' rights advisor, but that position has been void since July, says vice-president of academic for the Students' Union Pamela Weatherbee.

"We just haven't been able to fill the position yet, so we don't have one right now," she said, adding they were looking for someone with a law background.

Weatherbee said the SU is trying to work with the university to find a way to fill the void and create an ombudsperson position, but haven't been able to work out the details. In the meantime, Weatherbee will help students, she said.

"Yes, students have been asking about the student rights advisor and will the service be the same. It's been challenging but I was passed on the tools to provide them information."

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Bus riders exposed to TB

Officials are looking for 27 people who were exposed to tuberculosis during a Greyhound bus trip from Toronto to Detroit in late August. The Ontario Health Ministry said it has been aware of the incident for "quite a while" and publicized it in hopes of finding the 27 passengers who left the bus in Windsor, Ont. REUTERS

Canada

Wanted, $10,000 reward

The Canadian Bankers Association is offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a man Toronto police have dubbed the Exchange Bandit. Police suspect that one man has robbed more than 26 financial institutions in Ontario since 2003. REUTERS

News in brief

DEATH A man died in hospital yesterday following a brazen mid-day shooting in the underground parking lot at a Vancouver mall. Witnesses at the mall reported hearing 10 to 20 gunshots and two suspects were seen fleeing the parking lot on foot.

OTTAWA The city will study a system to license its private landlords, despite a caution from its bylaw department and over the objections of property owners.

ALBERTA People in Edson, Alta., have altered their daily routines while police search for the man who killed a 14-year-old girl in broad daylight on the weekend, CBC News Online reports. The community's three schools are keeping doors locked all day and children have no outdoor recess.

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Marching for rights

More than 100 protesters yesterday marched down the middle of Toronto's Yonge St. to support Isabel Garcia, an asylum seeker who has gone into hiding in the city to avoid being deported.

Garcia, who fled an abusive husband in 2005, brought the YWCA and Amnesty International to a Queen's Park news conference before the march. They were among more than 120 human rights and women's groups supporting the migrant rights group No One is Illegal in presenting a list of demands for migrant rights to the federal government.

No One Is Illegal had asked all four federal parties to respond. NDP MP Olivia Chow, the immigration critic, and Mississauga Brampton South Green candidate Grace Yogaretnam gave written support and turned up for the news conference. The Liberals promised a reply in seven days. The Tories did not respond.

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list of demands

- Immediately stop all deportation orders against women and children facing deportation who are trying to escape violence.
- Order Canada Border Services and local police to treat shelters and settlement centres as off-limits for arrests.
- Create the Refugee Appeal Division to hear refugee board negative decisions.
- Guarantee a consistent and knowledgeable immigration system to deal with women trying to escape violence.
- Give temporary foreign workers, particularly nannies, permanent residence status on arrival.

Halifax **Democracy 250**

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Wanda White holds daughter Calliope Aulenback as they greet visitors to Province House in Halifax yesterday. The pair was dressed in 1750s-era clothing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of parliamentary democracy in Nova Scotia.

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Election 2008

Harper goes on offensive

A more assertive Prime Minister Stephen Harper pushed back at his four political rivals last night, charging that their prescriptions for the economy would sink Canada into recession.

For the second night in a row, Harper faced the country's other party leaders around an oval table and was battered by accusations his conservative economic philosophy was too close to Washington's.

In contrast to Wednesday's French-language debate, the Conservative leader didn't hold back his jabs. He accused Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion of "panicking," and moved to distance himself from the economic policies of U.S. President George W. Bush.

"We have not been following the same policies of the United States. The economic and financial mess in the United States is disastrous."
Stephen Harper

"We have not been following the same policies of the United States. The economic and financial mess in the United States is disastrous," Harper said. "The policies have been irresponsible. We've made very different choices in Canada."

On a day when Toronto's stock exchange plunged 814 points, falling below the 11,000 mark for the first time in more than two years, the economic focus took on heightened meaning for leaders and voters.

Even the section devoted to the environment was talked about in economic terms.

Dion, NDP Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe sat on one side, a united front bolstered by Green Leader Elizabeth May, who flanked Harper on the other side of the table.

All four ganged up on Harper on the environment, criminal law reform and controversial cuts to arts programming as moderator Steve Paikin worked hard to police the debate.

But it was the economy that dominated the discussion — and laid bare the political tensions.

Opposition leaders accused Harper of turning a blind eye to the economic turmoil and the toll it is taking on Canadians.

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Watch what happens behind-the-scenes at a leaders' debate at metronews.ca/election

Election **Tour** Canada

Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

CALGARY

Calgary Northeast independent conservative candidate Roger Richard was ordered to change his signs and pamphlets by an Alberta Court of Queens bench judge who said they too closely resembled Conservative Party of Canada candidate Devinder Shory's signs, which could confuse voters. Former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin and prized Liberal candidate Bob Rae will be visitng the city today in an effort to bolster support.

EDMONTON

Things were getting hot in Edmonton's eastern suburbs as NDP candidate Brian Labelle railed against a Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce forum that charges candidates $220 to participate. The chamber in the community of 60,000 on Edmonton's eastern boundary defended the fee as necessary to cover costs. Labelle — on voters' radar since his dad was convicted of threatening to kill Premier Ed Stelmach's cows — said he wouldn't participate if he had to pay. The controversy was defused when an anonymous donor volunteer to foot the bill. There was no word on whether the chamber would continue its practice of charging candidates for the privilege of participating in a debate.

VANCOUVER

Jack Layton had to defend another B.C. NDP candidate this week after the Liberals brought to light a year-old radio interview where New Democrat Bev Colins said she believes the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were the result of a conspiracy. She has since issued a statement saying she now believes terrorists are behind the attacks.

OTTAWA

From glad-handing in the safe Aylmer riding of Gatineau, to visiting the specialty-nursing program at Algonquin College, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion made the capital the focus of his election campaign to start last week. But the real spotlight shined on Ottawa Wednesday and last night, when the televised leaders' debates — featuring Green party Leader Elizabeth May for the first time ever — overtook the National Arts Centre. There was a festive atmosphere as Greens rallied among other political supporters outside the NAC to greet May as she arrived for the debates, and at nearby pubs afterwards, where local Green candidates, volunteers and supporters had rented space to hold Survivor-style TV parties to watch the debates together, complete with decorations and people dressing up to the Green theme.

TORONTO

Bob Rae, Liberal MP and incumbent for Toronto Centre, alleged Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who led the opposition in 2003, plagiarized a pro-Iraq war speech from then Australian prime minister John Howard. One could argue the move was a stab at solid Conservative support going into the debate to be sure, but the latest poll numbers suggest the allegation had little to no effect, despite the story making international headlines. NDP Leader Jack Layton unveiled his ambitious and expensive platform in Toronto on Sunday. His $18-billion plan includes rolling back corporate tax cuts, a monthly child-benefits cheque of $400 and $400 million a year from federal gas taxes applied to public transit. This last proposal might just be music to the ears of riders on the TTC — a system so plagued by frequent delays it has earned itself the handle "Take The Car."

MONTREAL

On Wednesday, a Montreal newspaper published excerpts of Julie Couillard's book, My Life, about her past relationship with ex-foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier, who is running again in Beauce, near Quebec City. Although Couillard is talking about a man who referred to Stephen Harper as a "Pepsi drinker" and who asked her to throw top-secret documents in the garbage, Beauce voters still seem to be rooting for Bernier. Bernier denied all the allegations on Wednesday, saying his only mistake was to go out with Couillard.

HALIFAX

The Atlantic Liberal caucus launched its plan for the region this week in Halifax, and the green they were offering wasn't for Mother Nature. The party had lots of goodies for students: 300,000 more student bursaries, a six-month to two-year interest-free grace period for student loans, and guaranteed minimum loans for everyone, no matter what their income. Of course, that only works if they win. Meanwhile, retired justice Merlin Nunn entered the political fray, blasting the Conservatives' call for longer jail terms for young offenders. Nunn is the judge who wrote the report on Archie Billard and the youth justice system in Nova Scotia, so he might have a clue what he's talking about.

Debate quick hits

Highlights from last night's federal election debate:

Heated Exchange: NDP Leader Jack Layton baits Prime Minister Stephen Harper on the economy, saying he either doesn't care or he's incompetent, adding, "Where's the platform, under the sweater?" You could almost see the steam escape from Harper's ears.

Most Long-Winded Answer: Pick one.

Dirtiest Shot: Harper tries to say he's the only one who has never used private health care. Cries of "cheap shot" go around the table as Layton had hernia surgery at the Shouldice Clinic in the 1990s.

Left Out In The Cold: Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, who had nothing to gain or lose in this debate.

Best Dressed: Duceppe in his blue pinstripe suit.

Most Polite: Green party Leader Elizabeth May by far. The other leaders, especially Layton, often came off as angry and hyperbolic. Her poise raised the bar.

Worst Mistake: Harper to May after she calls his environmental policies a fraud, "You learned how to say that in French last night." So much for the sweater-wearing nice guy.

Knockout Blow: Duceppe nails Harper on wanting to send Canadian soldiers to Iraq in 2003, forcing him to admit that it would have been a U.S.-led error.

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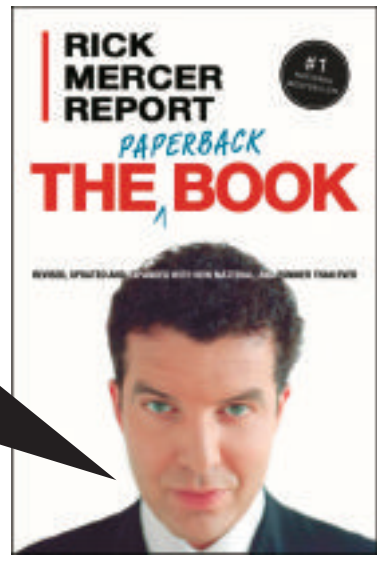

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Policeman commits suicide after Taser death

A New York City police lieutenant committed suicide yesterday, eight days after ordering the use of a Taser stun gun against an emotionally disturbed man who then fell to his death, police said. Lt. Michael Pigott had been on desk duty since the Sept. 24 incident. REUTERS

World

Hayek helps tetanus fight

Actress Salma Hayek appealed yesterday to mothers to support a global campaign to eliminate tetanus, which kills a newborn baby every three minutes in a poor country. For each specially-marked pack of Pampers diapers sold through year-end, Procter & Gamble has pledged to donate a vaccine. Reuters

Overeating overloads brain: Study

HEALTH Overeating makes the brain go haywire, prompting a cascade of damage that may cause diabetes, heart disease and other ills, U.S. researchers reported yesterday.

Eating too much appears to activate a usually dormant immune system pathway in the brain, sending out immune cells to attack and destroy invaders that are not there, Dongsheng Cai of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and colleagues found.

The finding, reported in the journal Cell, could help explain why obesity causes so many different diseases. It might also offer a way to prevent obesity itself. REUTERS

VP hopefuls trade shots at bosses

Biden, Palin clash over U.S. economy, Iraq at only debate before Nov. 4

Republican Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden clashed on the economy and Iraq during a lively but polite debate last night, and aimed most criticism at their rivals at the top of the ticket.

In the only vice presidential debate ahead of the Nov. 4 election, Biden accused Republican presidential contender John McCain of being "out of touch" on the economic crisis and said he was "no maverick" on crucial issues facing Americans.

Palin said Democratic White House candidate Barack Obama was too partisan to work across party lines to accomplish change and was waving a "white flag of surrender" in Iraq.

The Alaska governor turned in a steady and aggressive performance that featured repeated attacks on Obama and pledges she and McCain would work for the middle-class.

Biden also pledged he and Obama would end the war. REUTERS

The winner is...?

- Two polls taken after the debate, by CNN and CBS News, judged Biden the winner, but the CNN poll found a big majority thought Palin did better than expected.

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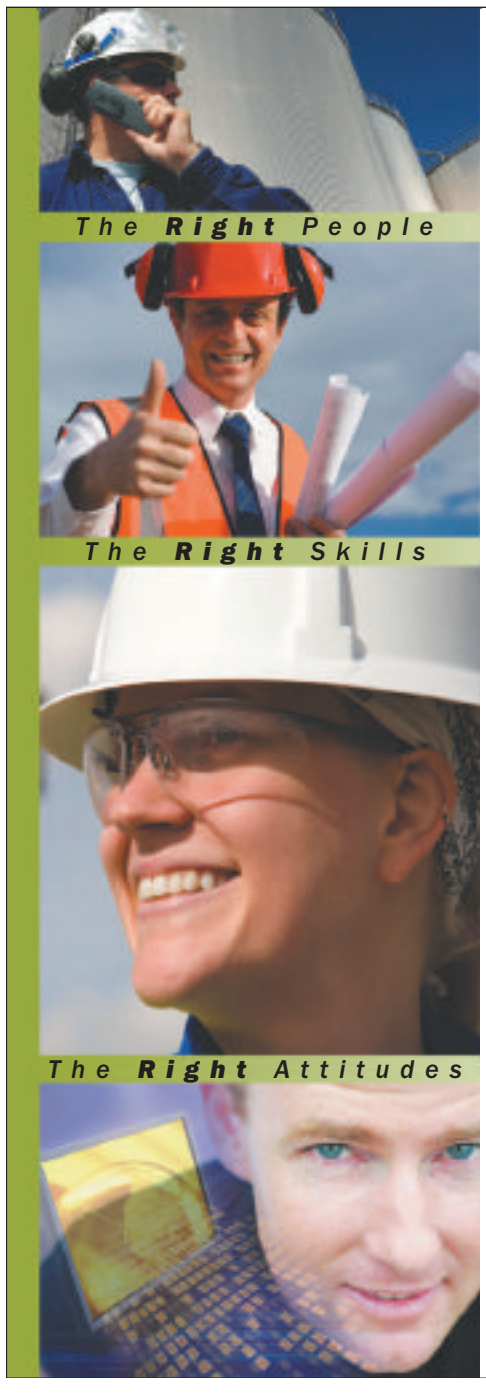
Democratic nominee Joe Biden and Republican nominee Sarah Palin appear onstage during the vice presidential debate last night at Washington University in St. Louis.



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Debt buying could take weeks: White House

MONEY The White House said yesterday it was "fairly optimistic" the U.S. House of Representatives would pass a $700 billion US financial rescue bill today, but it would likely take "at least weeks" for the Treasury Department to begin buying bad debt.

Passage of the bill would open the way for the rescue measure to be sent to President George W. Bush's desk to be signed into law.

"We feel fairly optimistic that we have a good chance for a successful vote tomorrow," White House spokesman Tony Fratto told reporters.

The Senate passed a revised $700 billion bailout plan on Wednesday night, and its fate now lies with the House, which had rejected an earlier version and is expected to vote on the new bill today. REUTERS

More charges

- The U.S. will bring more charges as warranted in its probe of corporate fraud in the collapse of the mortgage industry, Deputy Attorney General Mark Filip said yesterday.

EU rescue fund rejected

MONEY The European Central Bank's chief and the chairman of euro zone finance ministers sided with Germany yesterday in rejecting any need for a European rescue fund for banks suffering from the global financial crisis.

The announcement put an end to uncertainty about a meeting Paris has pushed for, due to disagreements among the main European Union governments on the right response to the deepening credit crunch. REUTERS

News in brief

ATTACKS Suicide bombers struck Shi'ite worshippers as they gathered for prayers at two mosques in Baghdad to celebrate the Muslim Eid al-Fitr feast yesterday, killing 16 people and wounding nearly 60, officials said.

HEALTH A new estimate of how many Americans have the AIDS virus puts the number at about 1.1 million, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said yesterday. The CDC numbers are based on 2006 data. REUTERS

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Casual dining restaurants hit by credit woes
Casual dining companies that boomed during good U.S. economic times are now caught between cash-strapped consumers and a tight financing environment, and are slashing U.S. expansion plans and looking to overseas growth instead. **REUTERS**

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Commodities sink TSX

Toronto's main stock, heavily weighted with raw-materials and energy stocks, suffered yesterday as investors worried that America's economic anguish could mar global growth and, in turn, demand for commodities.

"The Canadian market always gets hit harder when commodities go down because we're a commodity-driven economy," said Research Capital Corp. analyst Barry Allan.

Energy, metals and agricultural commodities make up more than half of Canada's exports. The United States buys about three quarters of the total.

The S&P/TSX composite index fell 813.97 points, or about seven per cent, to close at 10,900.54, its biggest drop since Oct. 25, 2000. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Manufacturers ask for tax cut lifeline

PLEA The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters called for more government support for the battered manufacturing sector in the form of tax credits and exemptions to foster growth and investments. **REUTERS**

Energy industry feels election heat

ENERGY Already struggling with increased costs at oil-sands projects, the energy industry now also faces tighter environmental controls as green concerns become a dominant election issue, analysts say. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

AIRLINES WestJet Airlines Ltd. has seen short-term travel demand drop as the financial crisis has intensified, but it will not revise its capacity increases, a planned 18 per cent growth rate this year, WestJet's CEO said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Flames fired up for season

Calgary players look to get off to a quick start to 2008-09 NHL campaign

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

Last season, the Calgary Flames hit their peak in December when they reeled off a stretch of 11 games without losing in regulation.

During that time, Calgary also compiled an impressive six-game road winning streak.

The Flames followed that up with winning streaks of five games and four games before petering out down the stretch and losing their first-round playoff series in seven games to the San Jose Sharks.

This season, the Flames want to begin the season with the same intensity they showed last December.

"Everybody wants to start well," summed up goalie Miikka Kiprusoff. "At the end of the season there's not too much difference between teams so you have to be able to start winning right away."

While the Flames have made several key additions up front, the back end will remain relatively the same with Robyn Regehr and Dion Phaneuf anchoring the blue-line and Kiprusoff solidly entrenched as the No. 1 netminder.

Captain Jarome Iginla will once again be counted upon to lead the way offensively, but he's excited about his supporting cast which includes newcomers Todd Bertuzzi, Mike Cammalleri, Rene Bourque and Curtis Glencross.

"We're really exciting about the guys that are joining us," said Iginla, while noting the Flames are solid at centre with Daymond Langkow, Matthew Lombardi, Craig Conroy, Wayne Primeau and several wingers who can fill in as well up the middle. "We want to get better and get this thing started."

PRE-SEASON PROWESS

After playing four preseason games each, Dustin Boyd and David Moss had compiled seven points each to lead the Flames.

In 48 games last season, Boyd scored seven times and added five assists and now the 22-year-old Winnipeg native would like to prove he can play a bigger role offensively.

"I've felt pretty good," Boyd told Rogers Sportsnet while cautioning, "it's only pre-season."

Meanwhile, Moss is hoping to rebound from a four-goal, seven-assist outing in 41 games for the Flames last season. The year before, the 26-year-old forward scored 10 times and added eight helpers in the same amount of contests.

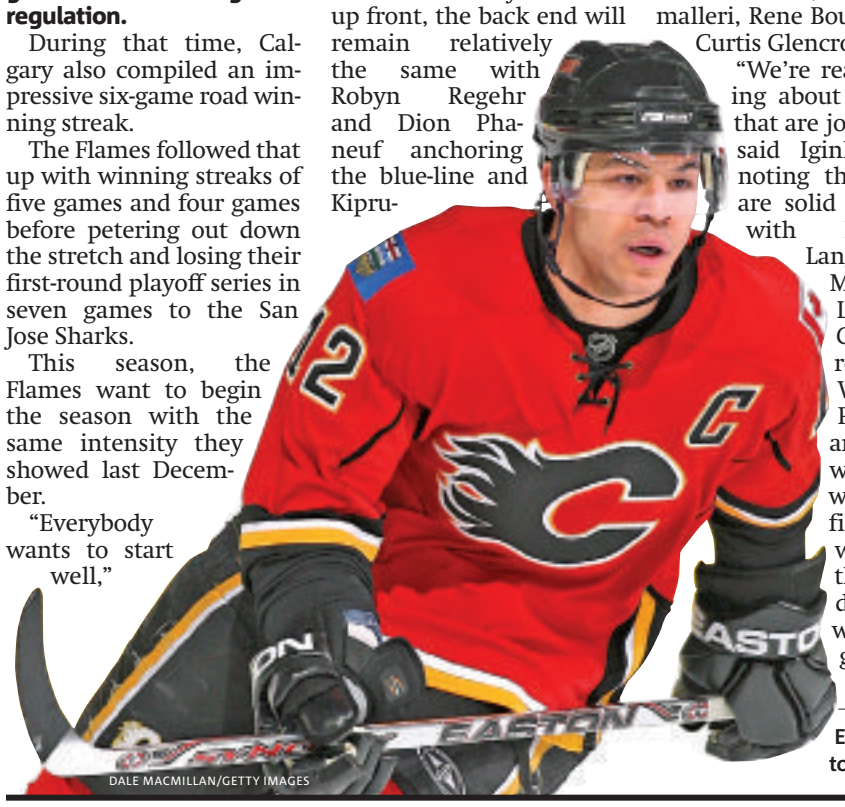
READY AND WILLING

When called upon, netminder Curtis McElhinney will do his utmost to perform well in goal for the Flames this season.

After three seasons in the American Hockey League, McElhinney will be counted upon to back up Kiprusoff.

The 25-year-old Calgarian stopped all 19 shots he faced to blank the Edmonton Oilers 4-0 in exhibition action on Tuesday.

"I didn't see a lot of shots but there were some good quality ones," McElhinney told the Fan 960. "I certainly feel good going into the regular season."



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Expect Jarome Iginla, left, and Miikka Kiprusoff to carry the load for the Flames this season.

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Coach likes to mix it up

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"Experimentation's always the mother of invention. I don't think that I've had lines and (defence) pairings set ever my whole career, Game 1 through 82."
Flames coach Mike Keenan

Early in training camp, Calgary Flames coach Mike Keenan put Todd Bertuzzi on a line with centre Daymond Langkow and captain Jarome Iginla.

Don't read too much into that.

Keenan, fifth all-time in the National Hockey League with 626 wins, didn't reach those lofty standards by having a set lineup each game.

"Experimentation's always the mother of invention," said Keenan.

"I don't think that I've had lines and (defence) pairings set ever my whole career, Game 1 through 82."

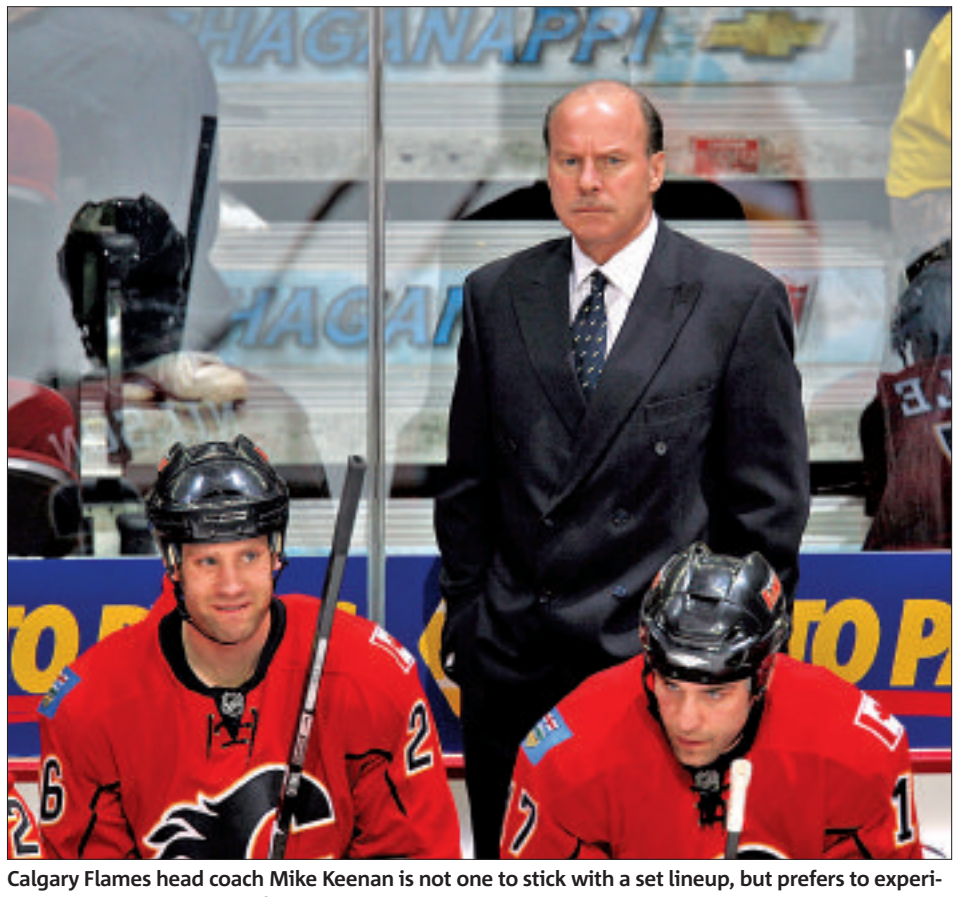
Besides, it keeps other coaches guessing when Keenan mixes up his lines from game to game, period to period or even shift to shift.

"There are so many different options for Mike as far as where guys are going to play and who fits best together and until you see it during games you never know," said Iginla. Things can always change "quickly," noted Keenan.

"You better have a good first shift," joked the veteran of 19 NHL seasons, who also led Team Canada to a pair of Canada Cup titles in 1987 and 1991. "We are going to try a lot of different things, different combinations and different pairings."

Perhaps Keenan got a lot of the mixing and matching out of his system in the pre-season, but his players know that they might just find themselves with different linemates depending how they perform on the ice.

"I think they've embraced the idea and the opportunity that's ahead of us," he said. "I feel it's not a beginning perhaps as it was a year ago, but perhaps a step forward from the position we left off. We grew to a certain extent, but now the expectation is to move it forward."



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Calgary Flames head coach Mike Keenan is not one to stick with a set lineup, but prefers to experiment to see which players fit best together,

NHL Preview

Wings on track for a repeat

YorkReport

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Veteran Mats Sundin will be relaxing in Sweden, goaltender Roberto Luongo is adding a captaincy to his portfolio and that old familiar theme song (da-da-da-da-da-dah) has jumped from Hockey Night in Canada to TSN.

Yet, with the NHL poised to launch its 2008-09 season this weekend, some things haven't changed a bit.

The Detroit Red Wings, for instance, remain the clear-cut class of the NHL, and the consensus is that they'll breeze to a successful defence of their Stanley Cup championship.

"I don't see anything tripping up the Wings," HNIC analyst Don Cherry said. "I see no weakness at all on this team. There's nothing wrong with them. If you're betting, you've got to bet on Detroit to win it all again this year."

Of course, if you bet on the Wings, you're taking the favourite. Oddsmakers have listed them as the cream of the NHL's crop at 7-to-2. Even star forward Marian Hossa is gambling on the Wings because he left millions of dollars on the free-agent table to play with Detroit this season. Same goes for Dan Cleary.

Super Luongo

- From Yahoo NHL expert Ross McKeon: "Hate to hit on the obvious, but it looks like Roberto Luongo is going to have to be Superman to keep the Canucks afloat."

Combine these gunners with superstars such as Nicklas Lidstrom, Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk and it's simple to understand why the Wings are generally perceived as the team to beat. They have scorers and grit on every line. They have an outstanding defence corps. They've been there and they've done it. And they should do it again.

But can any of the Canadian teams threaten them?

Perhaps the Montreal Canadiens. Celebrating their 100th anniversary, the Habs aren't ranked too far in arrears of the Wings at 8-to-1.

"Montreal has assembled a massive amount of young talent," TSN analyst Pierre McGuire said. "They have an unbelievable amount of defensive wealth. And (Montreal goaltender Carey) Price has the ultimate opportunity to be one of the most dominant players in the game. The Canadiens could be great this year."

As for the rest of Canada's teams, well, not so much.

The Edmonton Oilers have a nifty blend of youth and experience and could push for a division title, but McGuire warns of a potential controversy in goal, where veteran Dwayne Roloson isn't too pleased about playing backup to Mathieu Garon.

Oddsmakers list the Oilers' Stanley Cup chances at 20-to-1. The Ottawa Senators, perennial contenders, aren't far behind, at 22-to-1. Then come the Calgary Flames at 25-to-1, the Luongo-led Vancouver Canucks at 44-to-1 and the Sundin-less Toronto Maple Leafs at 100-to-1.

"The Leafs were terrible last season," said Mike Milbury of CBC and NBC, "and I don't see any reason why they'll be better this season. In fact, I think they'll be worse."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Ottawa

- 2007-08: 43-31-8 94 Pts. Seventh in the Eastern Conference.
- **HIGHLY OFFENSIVE:** The Senators had the most goals for (258) in the NHL last season.
- **BIG TOP:** Ottawa's top line of Jason Spezza, Daniel Alfredsson and Dany Heatley combined for a total of 115 goals in 2007-'08.
- **NEARING 500:** F Dany Heatley begins the year with 471 regular season points in his career.
- **THE 700 CLUB:** D Chris Phillips is one game shy of 700.
- **VETERAN:** D Luke Richardson will be playing in his 21st NHL season after beginning his career in 1987. The Ottawa native has played more than 1400 games with 35-166-201 points and 2,053 penalty minutes.
- **WHO'S GONE:** Forwards Cory Stillman, Brian McGrattan, Martin Lapointe and Randy Robitaille. Defencemen Mike Commodore, Andrej Meszaros and Wade Redden. Goalie Ray Emery
- **WHO'S NEW:** Defencemen Jason Smith, Filip Kuba, Alexandre Picard. Forwards Jarkko Ruutu and Jesse Winchester. Goaltender Alex Auld.

METRO CANADA

Toronto

- 2007-08: 36-35-11 83 Pts. Twelfth in the Eastern Conference.
- **WITHOUT A CAPTAIN:** Toronto had a decent offensive attack last year, as it was 11th in the NHL with an average of 2.78 goals per game, but the status of their leading scorer and former captain Mats Sundin is in limbo.
- **FIGHTER:** Winger Jason Blake had a trying 2007-08 campaign as he announced last October that he had a highly treatable form of leukemia. Blake still played in all 82 games and was fourth on Toronto's roster with 52 points (15g, 37a).
- **GETTING DEFENSIVE:** The Leafs defence was awful last year, giving up 3.12 goals per game, an average that was good for 27th in the NHL.
- **SAVING GRACE:** The Leafs acquired Vesa Toskala in a trade last off-season and he impressed with a 33-25-6 record and decent numbers in goals against average (2.74) and save percentage (.904).
- **IN THE END:** Unless Toskala carries the team on his back, Toronto is likely headed for its fourth straight year without a trip to the postseason.

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Montreal

- 2007-08: 47-25-10 104 Pts. First in the Eastern Conference.
- **FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE:** 35-year-old Alexei Kovalev notched 35 goals and 49 assists last season for easily his best season since recording 95 points in the 2000-01 campaign.
- **TOUGH GUY:** The Habs made a huge pickup in the form of 6-3, 243-pound winger Georges Laraque, one of the league's top enforcers.
- **PAIRED UP:** Andrei Markov will once again be paired with the immense Mike Komisarek, who packs a wallop at 6-4, 242 pounds and was a plus-nine for the Habs last year. The 26- year-old also had 17 points (4g, 13a) and 101 penalty minutes in 2007-08.
- **THE PRICE IS RIGHT:** 20-year-old rookie Carey Price played well down the stretch for the Habs and ended last season with a 24-12-3 record to go along with a solid 2.56 goals against average and .920 save percentage.
- **EYEING STANLEY:** Last year wasn't a fluke. Expect Montreal to challenge for the No. 1 seed in the East once again, and don't be shocked if the team wins it all.

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Edmonton

- 2007-08: 41-35-6 88 Pts. Ninth in the Western Conference.
- **LATE SURGE** Despite going 14-5-1 in their final 20 games last season, the Oilers missed the playoffs for the second year in a row.
- **THE KIDS:** The Kid Line of Sam Gagner, Andrew Cogliano and Robert Nilsson led the way in the stretch drive. With an encore from that trio, the addition of Eric Cole and Lubomir Visnovsky, and the return of Sheldon Souray, Ethan Moreau, and Shawn Horcoff from injuries, optimists believe the Oilers will challenge for the Northwest Division title.
- **KEEP AN EYE ON:** The first line of Cole, Horcoff and Ales Hemsky.
- **ONE TO WATCH:** Hemsky. Led the Oilers with 21-50-71 tally last season. A lot of pundits believe he can be a 90-point player.
- **BURNING QUESTION:** Is Mathieu Garon a legitimate No. 1 stopper?
- **WHO'S GONE:** Matt Greene, Joni Pitkanen, Marty Reasoner, Geoff Sanderson, Jarret Stoll, Raffi Torres.
- **WHO'S NEW:** Erik Cole, Lubomir Visnovsky, Jason Strudwick, Gilbert Brule.

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Vancouver

- 2007-08: 39-33-10 88 Pts. Eleventh in the Western Conference.
- **"Yeah, but who is going to score goals?":** For the third straight year, that's the main question in Vancouver. There's no easy answer based on what's been assembled over the summer, but GM Mike Gillis believes the move to a more up-tempo style of play will result in more scoring.
- **THE BIG C:** Roberto Luongo's invisible C stands for "cash," as he's been money between the pipes.
- **VETERANS CLUB:** Mattias Ohlund, Willie Mitchell, and Sami Salo anchor a deep blue-line.
- **21 JUMP STREET:** Sophomore Alex Edler will be asked to join the rush more often, as will Kevin Bieksa.
- **TWIN BURNER:** Newcomer Steve Bernier is this year's triplet on the Sedin line.
- **SEEING STARS?:** Pavol Demitra will play with Taylor Pyatt and Mason Raymond, who he says remind him of Keith Tkachuk and Marian Gaborik.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The Canucks' stingy defence puts them in the dogfight for one of the final three playoff spots in the West.

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Schedule

Flames games for 2008-9

OCTOBER
9 at Vancouver, 8:30
11 Vancouver, 8
14 Colorado, 7
17 Edmonton, 7
18 at Edmonton, 8
21 Washington, 7:30
23 at Nashville, 6
25 at Phoenix, 8
28 Colorado, 7
30 Boston, 7

NOVEMBER
1 at Los Angeles, 8
2 at Anaheim, 6
4 Phoenix, 7
6 Nashville, 7:30
8 at Columbus, 5
9 at Chicago, 5
11 Toronto, 7
13 at San Jose, 8:30
18 Colorado, 7:30
20 at Colorado, 7
22 Detroit, 8
25 Los Angeles, 7
27 at Vancouver, 8
29 Vancouver, 8

DECEMBER
2 Dallas, 7
5 at St. Louis, 6:30
7 at N.Y. Rangers, 5:30
9 at Montreal, 5:30
10 at Detroit, 5:30
12 Florida, 7
16 at St. Louis, 6:30
17 at Minnesota, 6
19 Chicago, 7
23 Anaheim, 7
27 Ottawa, 8
29 Minnesota, 7
31 Edmonton, 8

JANUARY
3 at Nashville, 1
4 at Chicago, 5
6 San Jose, 7
8 N.Y. Islanders, 7
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15 at San Jose, 8:30
17 Phoenix, 8
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21 Columbus, 8
28 Buffalo, 6
30 Nashville, 7

FEBRUARY
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3 at Dallas, 6:30
5 Chicago, 7
7 Anaheim, 1
9 Montreal, 7
11 at Anaheim, 8
12 at Los Angeles, 8:30
14 at Phoenix, 8
17 Vancouver, 7
19 at Minnesota, 6
21 at Edmonton, 8
24 Columbus, 7
27 Minnesota, 7

MARCH
1 Tampa Bay, 6
3 at Ottawa, 5:30
5 at Philadelphia, 5
6 at Carolina, 5
8 at Atlanta, 1
10 at New Jersey, 5
12 at Detroit, 5:30
14 at Toronto, 5
18 Dallas, 7:30
20 St. Louis, 7
23 Detroit, 7
25 at Pittsburgh, 5:30
26 at Columbus, 5
28 Minnesota, 8
30 San Jose, 7

APRIL
2 at Dallas, 6:30
3 at Minnesota, 6
6 Los Angeles, 7
7 at Vancouver, 8
10 at Edmonton, 7
11 Edmonton, 8

(home games in bold)

Oilers in town for Battle of Alberta

The Edmonton Oilers are coming to town tonight for another pre-season Battle of Alberta. The Flames blew through Edmonton Tuesday defeating the Oilers 4-0. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at the Pengrowth Saddledome tonight. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Longoria, Rays a big hit

Rays 6, White Sox 4

Evan Longoria finished 3-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI as Tampa Bay made its postseason debut a winning one, with a 6-4 triumph over the Chicago White Sox in Game 1 of the American League Division Series from Tropicana Field.

Akinori Iwamura was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored for the Rays, who earned the first playoff berth in franchise history by winning the AL East with a 97-65 record.

James Shields (1-0) notched the win after allowing six hits and three runs.

Dewayne Wise hit a three-run homer and Paul Konerko added a solo shot for the White Sox, who had beaten Detroit and Minnesota on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, to reach the postseason for the first time since winning the World Series in 2005.

Game 2 of this best-of-five series is tonight in Tampa Bay.

PIERRE DUCHARME/REUTERS

Tampa Bay Rays' B.J. Upton, right, scores in the fifth inning on an RBI single by teammate Evan Longoria as Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski takes the late throw during Game one of their MLB American League Divisional Series baseball playoffs in St. Petersburg yesterday.

Phillies 5, Brewers 2

The Philadelphia Phillies took a commanding 2-0 lead in the NLDS yesterday as they rode a five run second inning to their 5-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Shane Victorino hit a two-out, grand slam to lead the way in the second.

Pedro Feliz doubled to left scoring Jayson Werth earlier in the inning.

Phillies starting pitcher Brett Myers struggled early walking three men in the first including one with the bases loaded to hand the Brewers their first run of the game. Myers would settle down though throwing seven innings, allowing two hits and striking out three. Their next game goes Saturday in Milwaukee.

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News in brief

FOOTBALL CFL commissioner Mark Cohon announced yesterday that effective immediately, the league has set new standards aimed at enhancing player safety. Included in that is mandatory suspensions for spearing to the helmet and violent kicking, punching, kneeing, or stomping of an opponent.

CHELIOS It appears that Red Wings' defenceman Chris Chelios injury is worse than originally anticipated as the three-time Norris trophy winner will miss at least the next six weeks with a fractured bone in his leg.

KHABIBULIN Nikolai Khabibulin may be heading back to Russia. The news comes just days after the goalie was waived by the Chicago Blackhawks. Khabibulin's agent, Jay Grossman said that his client has playing options with the Russian Continental Hockey League (KHL).

NFL Buffalo Bills wide receiver Lee Evans has signed a multi-year contract extension, the club announced yesterday. Evans, selected 13th overall by the Bills in the 2004 draft, had been asking for the deal since the summer.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS
BEST OF FIVE
L.A. Angels vs. Boston
TODAY'S GAME
Boston at L.A. Angels, 7:37
SUNDAY'S GAME
L.A. Angels at Boston, 1:07
(Boston leads series 1-0)
Tampa Bay vs. Chicago W. Sox
YESTERDAY'S GAME
Tampa Bay 6 Chicago 4
TONIGHT'S GAME
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 2:07
SUNDAY'S GAME
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1:07
(Tampa Bay leads series 1-0)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS
BEST OF FIVE
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers
YESTERDAY'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7:37
SATURDAY'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers 10 Chicago Cubs 3
(Dodgers lead series 2-0)
Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee
YESTERDAY'S GAME
Philadelphia 5 Milwaukee 2
SATURDAY'S GAME
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 4:37
(Philadelphia leads series 2-0)

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WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Calgary	9	4	0	18
B.C.	8	5	0	16
Saskatchewan	8	5	0	16
Edmonton	7	6	0	14

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
x-Montreal	9	4	0	18
Winnipeg	5	8	0	10
Toronto	4	9	0	8
Hamilton	2	11	0	4

(x — clinched playoff spot)
WEEK 15
TONIGHT'S GAMES
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Calgary at Saskatchewan, 8
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Montreal at Hamilton, 2
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 5

NFL

WEEK 5
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Atlanta at Green Bay, 11
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 11
Tennessee at Baltimore, 11
Indianapolis at Houston, 11
Kansas City at Carolina, 11
Washington at Philadelphia, 11
Tampa Bay at Denver, 2:05
Cincinnati at Dallas, 2:15
Buffalo at Arizona, 2:15
New England at San Francisco, 2:15
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 6:15
MONDAY'S GAME
Minnesota at New Orleans, 6:30

Suit settled
Bosses at Miramax film studios have settled a lawsuit over the profits from the hit movie Chicago, paying one of the film's producers a reported $9-million US. **IMDB.COM**

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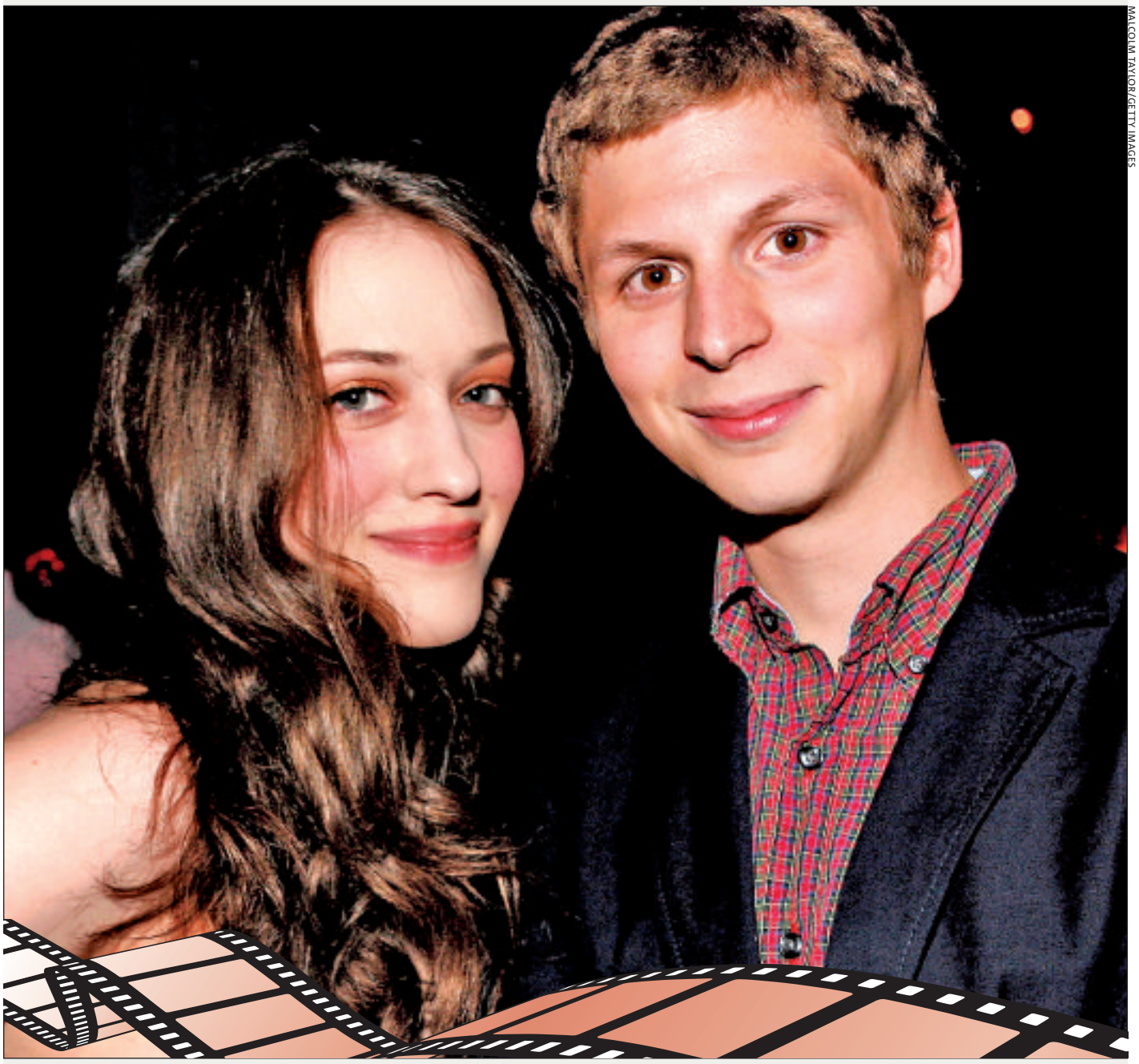

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Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist — starring Michael Cera and Kat Dennings as the title characters — still looks like one of the more virtuous depictions of teen life out there, saying a lot about kids today.

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How to Lose Friends loses bite from the original book.

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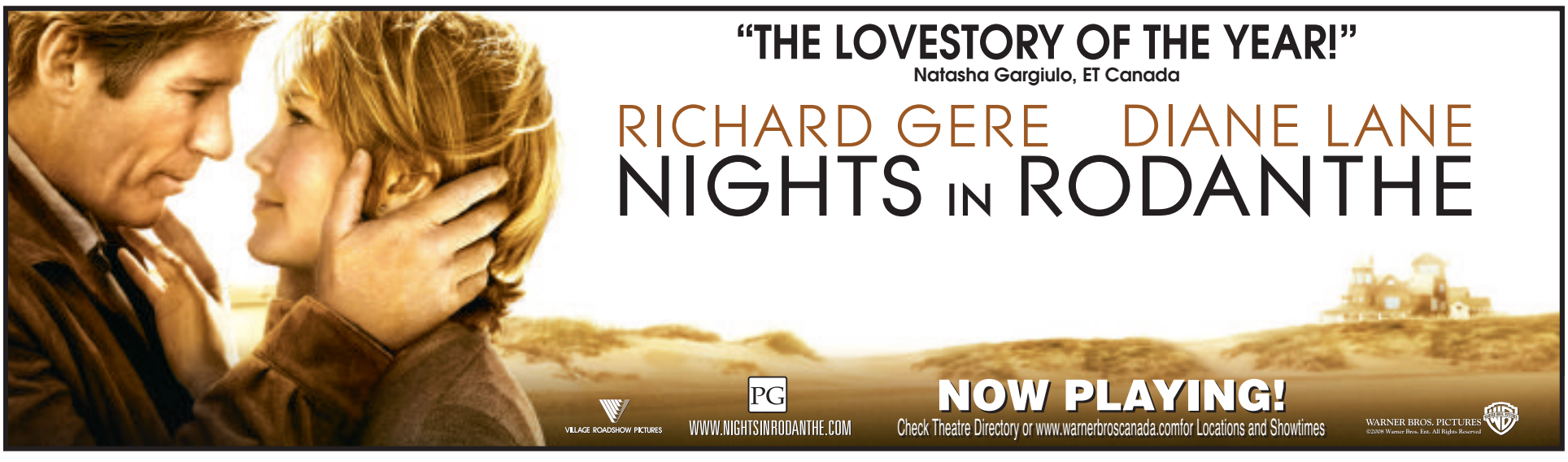

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Who let the dogs out?

Beverly Hills **Chihuahua**

Director: Raja Gosnell
Stars: Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia
Classification: G
Rating: 🌐🌐

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

REVIEW These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it say?

Well, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query and — according to one cheeky chihuahua at least — the answer is, "Oh no she didn't!"

Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, Chihuahua is a harmless "tail" (Ha!) about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive.

Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Now, this family outing's not terrible; assembled by Scooby-Doo director Raja Gosnell, the animation integrates well enough with the live action but the same can't be said for the dialogue.

A simplistic, mediocre script handicaps the film from truly capturing its audiences' imagination, obviously an imperative factor in a talking-dog movie. In fact, it's easier to believably envisage the dollar-signs Andy Garcia must've had for eyeballs when he was offered this gig than it is to consider this set of chatty chihuahuas.

Nick & Norah wry and virtuous

Nick & Norah's Infinite **Playlist**

Director: Peter Sollett
Stars: Michael Cera, Kat Dennings
Classification: PG
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐½

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

While older critics and viewers won't be able to resist comparing the film to American Graffiti, younger audiences at Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist might chafe at their presumption.

The filmmakers and studio are really hoping young audiences are willing to embrace the movie as their own and see it. The bad news is that, should Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist take off with the college-and-under set, chances are they'll probably be downloading it illegally.

Michael Cera is the Nick of the title, a woeful recent dumpee still hung up on his break-up with Tris (Alexis Dziena), a girl both clearly out of his league and eminently worth his friends' scorn.

Michael Cera and Kat Dennings play the title duo of Nick & Norah.

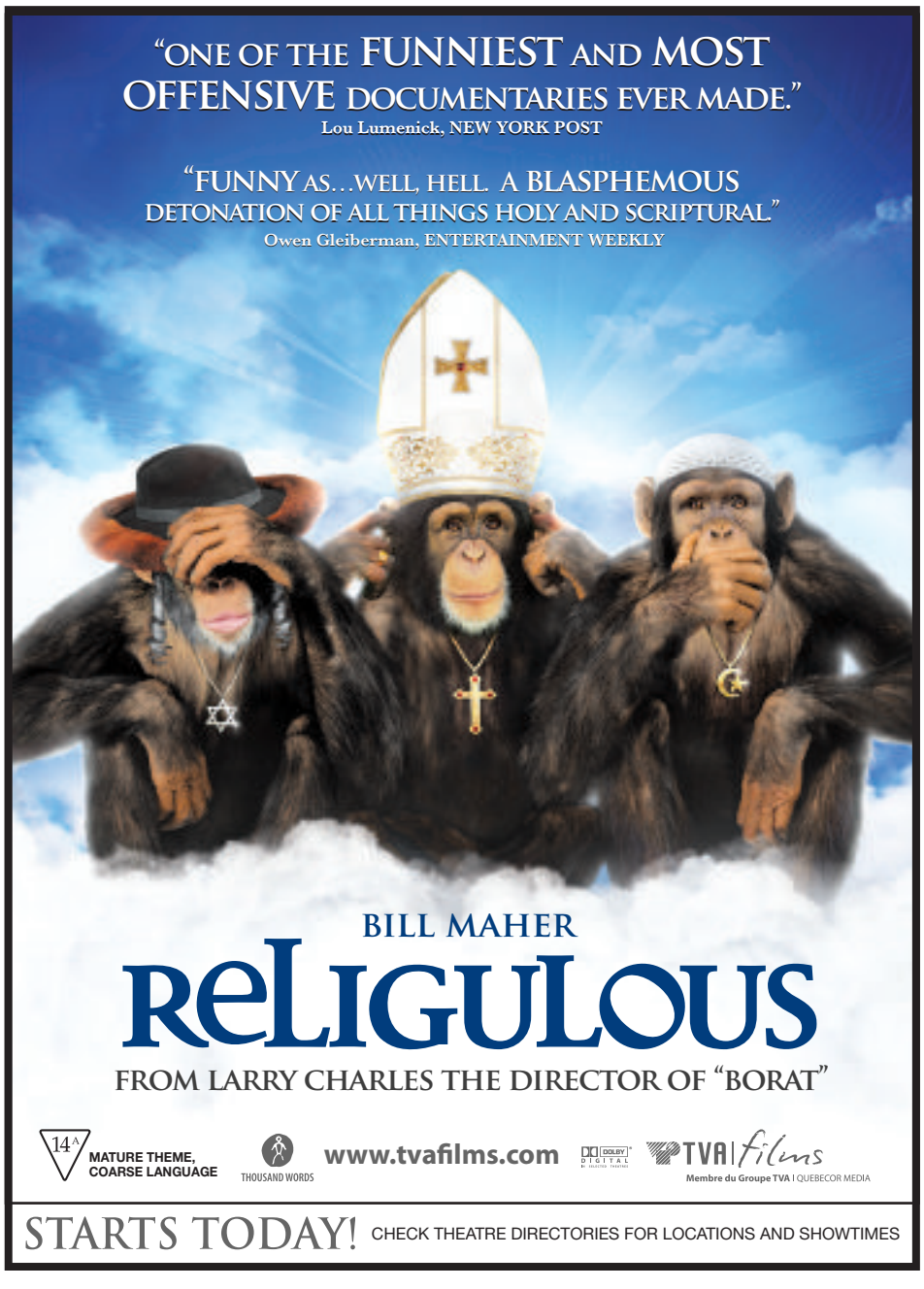
The only straight member of a queercore band, he captures the attention of Norah (Kat Dennings), a schoolmate of Tris', after a gig, when she chooses him randomly to pretend to be her boyfriend to spite Tris. She's forced to keep up the fiction when Tris suddenly comes over all possessive with her discarded beau, and the three of them head out, friends in tow, on a rambling night in Manhattan in search of a super-secret surprise gig by their fave band.

Steeped with references to indie bands and cameos by Saturday Night Live cast members, the film gets the tone of urban culture and fledgling hipsters mostly right, thanks to the performances director Peter Sollett gets from Cera and Dennings and the rest of the youthful cast.

Everyone sounds comfortable with the wry, sarcastic but wholly defensive rhetoric wielded by young people, though Ari Graynor's performance as Caroline —Norah's helplessly drunk and guileless best friend — threatens to steal most of her scenes.

Like any romance, the film is a plea for true love and the triumph of innocence over cynicism, even as the camera coyly wanders away from showing the young lovers consummating their love with a finger-bang on a couch in a famous New York recording studio.

That the film can embrace queercore and finger-bangs and still look like one of the more virtuous depictions of teen life out there says a lot about kids today.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Blindness has visual flair

Blindness

Director: Fernando Meireilles
Stars: Julianne Moore
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Julianne Moore

REVIEW Based on the acclaimed book by Nobel laureate Jose Saramago, Blindness was deemed unfilmable. Well that was until multi-talented Canadian actor/writer Don McKellar — perhaps most famous as the playwright of The Drowsy Chaperone — got his hands on it.

That may surprise some, but anyone who's seen McKellar's 1998 apocalyptic comic-drama Last Night will surely recognize similarities.

The story of a city besieged by a strange disease that causes everyone to suffer a "white blindness," this film is part-allegory, part-dystopian drama. Simply put, as everyone except Julianne Moore loses their sight and are put in quarantine, society crumbles into chaos, violence and disarray.

At times, it makes for a harrowing suspense drama, and director Fernando Mereilles adds a notable visual flair that will either evoke an impressive sense of dread or simply nauseate you depending on your penchant for jump cuts, white blurs and unconventional angles.

Excellent performances from Moore, Mark Ruffalo and a great cast certainly provide lift to Blindness but Mereilles — and McKellar's bleak, sophisticated story — seem so focused on broad symbolic themes of humanity in times of crisis, Blindness may actually impair some moviegoers from discerning the point in the end.

How to Lose Friends lacks bite of book

How to Lose Friends & Alienate People

Director: Robert Weide
Stars: Simon Pegg
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Kirsten Dunst and Simon Pegg are coworkers in How To Lose Friends & Alienate People.

REVIEW How To Lost Friends & Alienate People comes to screens with an impeccable comedic pedigree.

The script is based on a bile-filled expose of the media by self-proclaimed narcissistic jerk Toby Young, the cast features such names as Simon Pegg and Jeff Bridges, and the project was directed by Curb Your Enthusiasm veteran Robert Weide.

All the pieces are in place for a masterpiece of the comic faux pas … but, sadly, the film fails to deliver on its considerable potential. Though hardly a bad movie, the filmmakers rely too heavily on slapstick comedy and sentimentality for it to be anything more than glossy escapism. The book had bite, but the movie is muzzled.

Simon Pegg stars as Sidney Young (all the names in the film were changed to protect the innocent), a wannabe entertainment journalist from England who suddenly finds himself working for a major magazine in New York.

Once Young is established in his new setting we sit back and watch him gradually blow every opportunity he's given through inappropriate behavior. The book accurately paints Young as an arrogant blowhard who simply can't follow social decorum. It's a hilarious tale of humiliation that ends with Young getting what he deserves.

The movie tries to make Young more agreeable by making him learn how to behave and fall in love with Kirsten Dunst (who has nothing to do but be pretty and likable). The decision might make the story more palatable for general audiences, but it squanders the best qualities of the source material.

It's confusing that Weide allowed this to happen given how unapologetic the humor is on Curb.

Fortunately, the key set pieces from the book are retained and Pegg and Bridges are talented enough to make most scenes breeze by.

It's just unfortunate that the project isn't what it could have been.

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Harris keeps the Western relevant

Appaloosa

Director: Ed Harris
Stars: Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Renee Zellweger
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen star as guns-for-hire in the western Appaloosa.

Whenever it seems like the Western has lost all relevance in contemporary culture, a director comes along to prove there is still life in the cinematic genre.

This time, it's Ed Harris who stepped behind the camera to put cowboys back on film. The actor hasn't directed since Pollack in 2000, and while Appaloosa might highlight some of Harris' limitations as a director, it is still quite an accomplished and surprisingly funny sophomore effort.

As with most Westerns, the setup is cookie cutter: Two guns-for-hire (Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen) take over the sheriff's role in a small town to drive out a local troublemaker (Jeremy Irons, struggling with an American accent). Of course, there is also an impossibly beautiful woman who unlocks the heart of the rugged gunslinger (Renee Zellweger).

What makes Appaloosa stand out from most Western revivals is Harris' clear understanding of the genre and his desire to toy with the conventions. Harris' sheriff might be heroic and deadly, but he is also a little thickheaded, frequently relying on his partner to finish his sentences.

Harris uses many of these genre inversions as comic relief. Though by no means a parody, the witty screenplay frequently mocks genre expectations and is consistently funny.

The only real problem with the film is Harris lacks the visual storytelling skills necessary to create an epic Western. Filmmakers like John Ford and Sergio Leone made the Western a director's genre and without lush and exciting visuals, the movie feels incomplete.

Still, the acting and screenplay are solid enough to make Appaloosa a worthy addition to the Western oeuvre.

East meets Western

Sukiyaki Western Django

Director: Takashi Miike
Stars: Hideaki Ito, Koichi Sato, Yusuke Iseya
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There's just something about Ferrari-red blood splattering on the face of a woman holding a corpse being shot at as a child looks on that can only be enjoyed on film.

Sukiyaki Western Django's violence may be senseless, but it's sure stylish.

The film by acclaimed Japanese director Takashi Miike is a colourfully jarring take on a spaghetti western (sukiyaki is a traditional Japanese beef dish.)

Following the 12th century Battle of Dannoura, rival gangs are drawn to a tiny Japanese village when word of gold travels through the grapevine.

The Heike, identified by their red-coloured apparel and Genji, marked with white, meet with guns – and swords, arrows, etc. — blazing over the precious metal.

The gang feud is only heightened when a mysterious but skilled nomad enters the picture, prompting the contending clans to battle over whether the man should go red or go white.

With colours that pop and costumes making each character look like a superhero, exaggerated storylines and dialogue add to the film's comedic surrealism that turns grim as quickly as you can say the film's title.

The plot advances at a pace that disallows viewers from reaching genuine involvement in it. With such little concern for captivation through narrative, the film places all of its eggs in one basket, achieving the flare but sacrificing the substance of Quentin Tarantino's Kill Bill.

Like the film's title dish, the ingredients may appear gastronomically appealing, but if they're tasteless, the whole thing is for mere consumption over appreciation.

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Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Elegy: Adult entertainment

Elegy

Director: Isabel Coixet
Stars: Ben Kingsley, Penelope Cruz, Patricia Clarkson
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Canada

REVIEW Elegy has a quiet dignity and emotional resonance that most blockbusters are incapable of achieving. This is a serious project created for adults released at a time when that type of film feels extinct.

Ben Kingsley stars as David Kepish an aging professor, cultural critic, and serial dater who opens the film pontificating about the joys of hedonism to Charlie Rose. Kepish has been living a blissful life of sexual indiscretion and emotional detachment since leaving his wife decades ago, until he unexpectedly falls for a young grad student played by Penelope Cruz.

Once their relationship takes off the movie becomes a complex study of jealousy and aging as Kepish must finally find emotional maturity in his mid-60s.

Based on The Dying Animal by Philip Roth, Elegy is a pointed examination of the male psyche. Told through the feminine directorial eye of Isabel Coixet, the film is a quiet study of male vulnerability, rather than the misogynist tale that many critics labeled the book.

Her efforts are certainly helped by two outstanding lead performances by the dependably brilliant Ben Kingsley and the dependably beautiful Penelope Cruz (in what is arguably her best English language performance along with Vicky Cristina Barcelona).

Of course, that's not to say that the movie is without its faults. The cold and detached tone is frequently off putting and Dennis Hopper is completely unbelievable as a prize-winning poet.

But however distracting, these flaws are not enough to ruin the movie. Elegy is a mature and contemplative work that should please anyone who doesn't mind thinking in the movie theatre.

Maher takes it easy in Religulous

Religulous

Director: Larry Charles
Stars: Bill Maher
Classification: 14A
Rating:

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

Bill Maher faces off with the faithful in Religulous.

REVIEW For a man who seems altogether proud of his atheism, Bill Maher comes off with an evangelical fervour for his cause by the time Religulous sums itself up, shifting gears from a comic odyssey through the lunatic fringe of true believers to pleading the cause of doubt and secularism with a zeal that itself calls for some satirical response.

It's hard not to find something to laugh at in the film Maher and director Larry Charles have made. Having persisted throughout the history of mankind, religion has produced more than its share of apparent absurdities, and since Charles and Maher seem mostly interested in shooting fish in a barrel, their subject has provides them with a virtual Seaworld of targets.

Almost without fail, Maher goes for the easy shots, picking from the usual gallery of greedy American evangelicals through the risible tenets of Mormons and Scientologists before proceeding from the fundamentalist edge of Judaism to the murderous manifestations of Islam. (For some reason, Buddhists, Hindus and Zoroastrians get off scot free.)

To do this, Maher has to work from the presumption that every religion is basically identical, and that its most gullible, disingenuous or intolerant practitioners speak for the rest.

In Amsterdam, Maher does a shambling interview with the self-appointed head of a Church of Cannabis, who may be the sole priest and parishioner of his faith, and who mostly serves to play an unwitting Chong to Maher's Cheech.

He spares his abundant sarcasm with two Catholic priests he meets in Rome, however — the director of the Vatican Observatory provides a useful refutation of creationism, while an elderly padre he meets in St. Peter's Square amuses Maher with a curmudgeonly dismissal of biblical literalism.

Maher relies almost exclusively on "gotcha" moments and relentlessly massaged editing of his interviews to make his point, cut with old movies and cornball biblical epics to provide the rimshots for his punch lines.

Since his targets of opportunity are so broadly chosen, almost anyone will find something to laugh at in Religulous. But ultimately, Maher is preaching to the choir with an undisguised dishonesty that only the true believers will forgive.

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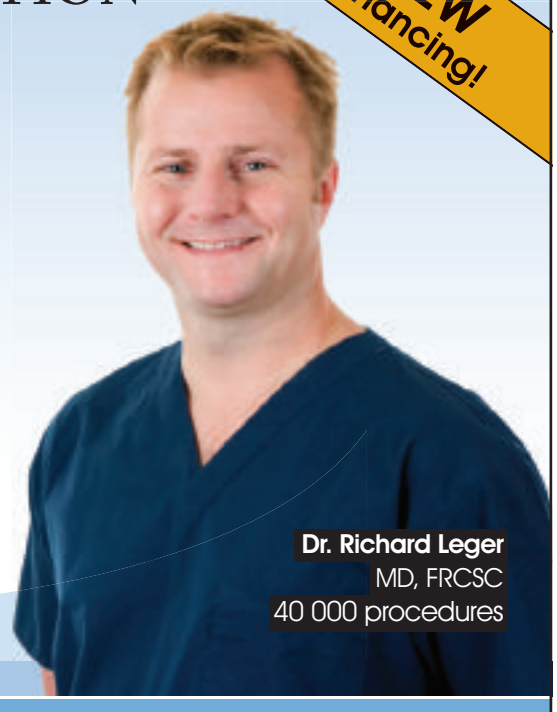

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Man on Wire is an unlikely nail-biting heist film.

Man on Wire stunning

Man on Wire

Director: James Marsh
Stars: Phillippe Petit, Annie Allix
Classification: N/A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In 1974, Phillippe Petit was an eccentric French acrobat who wore a top hat, rode a unicycle, juggled — and oh, I almost forgot — broke into the World Trade Center and traversed the top of the Twin Towers on nothing but a high wire.

If, like me, this little fact is nothing but a vague slice of obscure pop culture, Man on Wire will captivate you.

A compelling, highly-stylized flick by director James Marsh, this stunning accomplishment is documented through dramatic and often hilarious re-enactments, actual footage of intense preparation and fascinating interviews with the enigmatic Petit — a man so focused on his bizarre goal that he won't let security guards, fear of death or even stepping on a nail get in his way.

As amazing as his storied achievement is, the entire tale plays out, as Petit's wife says, "like a bank robbery." True enough. Man on Wire is indeed an unlikely nail-biting heist film involving undercover stakeouts, jilted attempts and "inside men."

The fact that a feat like this could hardly happen in today's security-obsessed climate or that it involves the Twin Towers only gives the movie even more weight.

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Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Movie **morsels**

Burn After Reading

REVIEW Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, No Country For Old Men, the auteur siblings have returned. In typical Coen style they made a tonal 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller that ruminates on the nature of violence to a fast-paced comedic farce that plays hatchet murders for slapstick comedy. Given that No Country saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of Raising Arizona and The Big Lebowski. Unfortunately that didn't happen.

While Burn After Reading is a better comedy than the brothers' recent Hollywood dalliances like Intolerable Cruelty, it's still far too inconsistent to match their finest work.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Choke

REVIEW It's nearly impossible not to compare Choke to the 1999 hit film Fight Club. The most obvious reason: Like Fight Club, Choke is based on a novel by Chuck Palahniuk, one of today's most gifted/twisted authors. Sam Rockwell plays Victor, a sex-addicted scam artist who, when he's not working his dead-end job at a colonial theme park or visiting his demented mom at a mental hospital, he's willfully choking in restaurants to earn the trust of rich patrons.

While that may sound intriguing enough, soon Victor falls in love with his mother's new nurse and becomes obsessed with finding out the identity of his father.

Sure, it's as convoluted as it sounds but apart from some fascinating unconventionalities, Choke is weakened by trying to overly conform to romantic-comedy standards.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Greg Kinnear, left, is an inventor on a mission in Flash of Genius.

Flash of Genius sugarcoats it

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Flash of Genius isn't an easy movie to sell to audiences: It's opening on a weekend opposite no less than a dozen other films.

It doesn't feature a major star (unless Greg Kinnear makes you giddy), and it's about the guy who created the intermittent windshield wiper — not exactly the sort of invention that leaves most mouths gaping in awe.

Set in the heyday of the automobile, Kinnear plays Robert Kearns, an eccentric college professor who — after literally getting corked in the eye — invents a new wiper.

When the Ford Motor Co. shows just enough interest to get his prototype and steal the idea, Kearns must take on the auto giant to regain his dignity even though it costs him his family and, by all indication, his sanity.

Flash of **Genius**

Director: Marc Abraham
Stars: Greg Kinnear
Classification: STC
Rating:

As the film briefly shows, Kearns did crack during his quest, only to be found travelling by bus to Washington convinced then-President Nixon commissioned him to design a car.

Making his directorial debut, veteran producer Marc Abraham focuses not on such dark detail but on the inspirational side of Kearns's story, essentially turning a tale about an eccentric everyman and his laborious court case into a bittersweet Capra-esque family film.

An exceptional performance by Kinnear anchors the drama, but ultimately the film suffers from a bland positivity. Even one of the film's producers recently admitted to the New York Times, "the real Bob Kearns was 10 times as paranoid."

It might've paid off to see a bit less genius and more of whatever put Kearns on that bus going to Washington.

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-7-9:40

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:45-9

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45-7:25

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:35

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:20

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-9:25

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:40

Pineapple Express Fri-Thu 6:45-9:20

The Rocker (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:05

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-6:55-9:35

Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 3:35

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45

Step Brothers Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-7:10-9:30

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35-10

Blindness (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15

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How to Lose Friends & Alienate People (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:45

Igor (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-6:30

Lakeview Terrace (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:10-7:45-10:30 Wed 1:30-4:10-7:45 Thu 1:30-4:10-7:45-10:30

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Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-7:10-9:50

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35

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The Lucky Ones (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:35-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

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My Best Friend's Girl (18A) DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:05-9:35

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The Dark Knight (PG) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10

Eagle Eye (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:35-10:30

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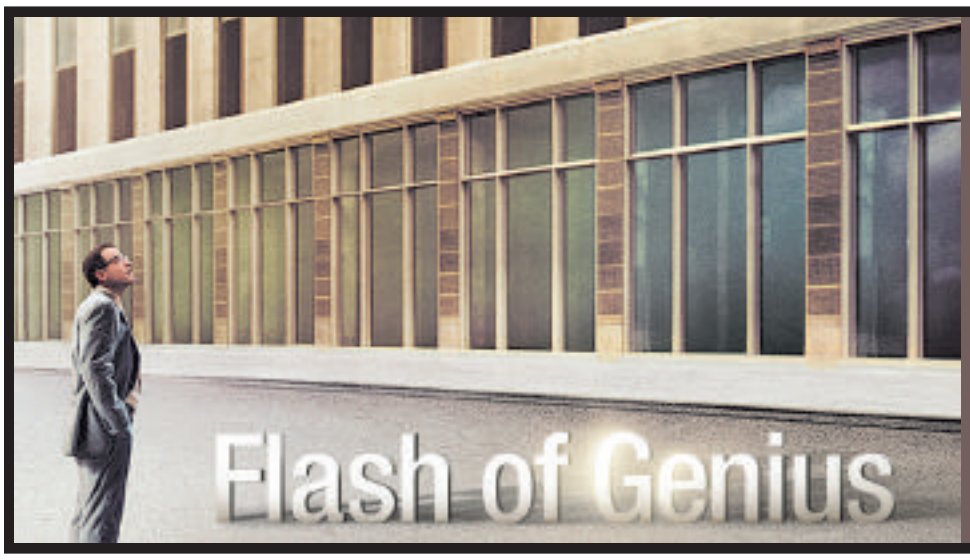

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Music

Black Kids rethink God rock

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Reggie Youngblood says you'll find the sexually repressed Christian rock scene a great place to find sex, but it takes patience to work your mojo.

"You start by going up to someone and say, 'Hey, I'm looking for a prayer partner,'" says the frontman of Black Kids. "It eventually gets to a point where neither of you can hold back your urges, and the climax ends up being better than any drug. It's not a quick hookup, but it's worth going to hell for."

He knows of what he speaks. Before his five-piece new wave and rock hybrid assembled in Jacksonville, Fla., in early 2006 and went on to become the latest indie pop media darling, Youngblood adapted his Southern Baptist Sunday school sensibilities to a Christian rock band.

Youngblood and company soon found success after they replaced God with 80s retro stylings, pulling influence from synthy sounds and dance rhythms set to his sometimes dour lead vocals from the likes ABC, Morrisey, The Cure and even some hair metal on 2007 EP Wizard of Ahhs and 2008's full-length Partie Traumatic.

"The songs aren't too terribly different from what we've done before. We've taken all the guilt out of our lyrics and we changed 'Jesus' to 'baby,'" he said. "We we're very cognizant of what we enjoyed as children, and that stuff reigns supreme on our record. I remember buying Poison's Open Up And Say Ahh! and the person at the counter was like, 'This is what you want?'"

After a 2007 breakout gig at the Athens Popfest in Georgia, critics including the New York Times and Rolling Stone — who called Black Kids one of the ten "artists to watch" this year — lustily gushed over the band. In a very short time, Black Kids have hit No. 5 on the U.K. charts, played this year's Lollapalooza and has embarked on their first long-term tour.

It's not a question of too much too soon for the band, but they will admit they've already reached some of their career goals. Of course, there's always somewhere higher you can go. "We've definitely already done things we've aspired to do, like play our dream gigs," Youngblood said. "But I guess we could always headline one next."

Partie Traumatic — the debut album by Black Kids — was released in Canada in July. They've been called one of ten "Artists to Watch" in 2008 by Rolling Stone magazine.

Obama takes the Better Way on the campaign trail

SoundCheck

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I don't know about you, but in the last two weeks, I've heard people throw around the word "trillion" more than I've heard in my entire life — as in "The U.S. credit crisis is going to cost $5 trillion or more to sort out." Why anyone would want to run a country under any circumstances (let alone in the midst of a universal economic meltdown) is beyond me.

But this doom makes our selection of leaders and our scrutiny of their choices even more important. The media's intensity has been set to "insane." I'm more than happy to contribute to the insanity by judging the candidates' ability to lead based on their choice of campaign theme songs.

Right away I'm worried about the John McCain/Sarah Palin camp. Sure, he's a storied war vet and she can see Russia from her house, but who came up with the idea of

Election 2008

using Take a Chance on Me by ABBA for a rally song? Maybe it's because John Mellencamp told McCain to stop using his song, Our Country while Heart freaked out over Palin's wannabe association with Barracuda.

The best music heard at Republican rallies was played by protesters. Rage Against the Machine turned up in Minneapolis to play at the Republican National convention, but were turned away because they allegedly didn't have the proper permits. Still, they offered up A cappella versions of Bulls on Parade and Testify before leading a march.

The Barack Obama/Joe Biden ticket has much better music. Anyone who uses a Ben Harper song (Better Way) shows good taste. And a surprising number of cool bands turned up to play for that big rally in Denver. While Stevie Wonder sang Signed, Sealed and Delivere" inside the stadium, bands like Silversun Pickups, Nada Surf and Cold War Kids (an actual band, not a sons-and-daughters of veterans group) were playing for the crowd in the parking lot.

On this side of the border, the theme song battle has been, well, dull. If the Conservatives or the Greens have an official song, it hasn't registered with me yet. Come to think of it, I can't recall anything official from the Liberals or the NDP, either.

Using rock and pop to spin a political platform? Not in Canada. Pity.

Rage Against the Machine's Zack de la Rocha, right, showed up at the Republican National convention, but was not allowed to play. Meanwhile, Democratic contender Barack Obama has used Better Way by Ben Harper, far right, on the campaign trail. GETTY IMAGES

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Rosie returns to the small screen

Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell is returning to the small screen. Rosie's Variety Show will debut as an hour-long live special on NBC on Nov. 26, and could expand to a full series, depending on viewer reactions. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Television

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Degrassi: The Next Generation. Pictured: Evan Williams as Kelly and Sarah Barrable-Tishauer as Liberty.

The kids go to college

TVPicks

Degrassi: The Next Generation

Season Premiere: Oct. 5
Network: CTV

The kids — or at least some of them — go to college, and much of the drama in the season 8 debut has to do with dorm room assignments. Meanwhile back at Degrassi there's a new group of grade 9 students, and Mia (Nina Dobrev) is having model anguish. By now it's probably a bit obvious to point out that what happens to a single kid in a season of Degrassi is more than usually goes on in a whole year at any real life high school, but that's why the kids love it.

Beautiful People

Season Premiere: Oct. 6
Network: Slice

A fantastically creepy reality series about a pair of Euro-dudes from L.A. who come to Toronto to set up the latest branch of their online social network for beautiful people only. Later episodes are supposed to follow around candidates and members of Beautiful People, but the debut focuses on Greg and Robert, the founders, while they try to drum up publicity for the launch of the website. Strap in tight, because the line between reality and satire is as fluid as a river in spring here.

SNL: Weekend Update Thursday

Season Premiere: Oct. 9
Network: NBC

Saturday Night Live's news parody moves to primetime for the first of three election-themed special programs. Expect a lot of Darrel Hammond as John McCain and Bill Clinton, but we know everyone will be tuning in for Tina Fey's cameos as Sarah Palin — an amusing but one-note impersonation that's getting as tired as the candidates in the U.S. election these days.

Life On Mars

Season Premiere: Oct. 9
Network: Global

"Anticipated" is the wrong word for this Americanized remake of the hit British cop/time travel show — "dreaded" is more accurate, especially since it's gone through several major re-castings and a location change since ABC finished its first pilot months ago. The series stars Harvey Keitel and Gretchen Mol.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Fall ratings dropping

A SLOW START: The fall TV season — which we haven't quite escaped; do I need to point that out? — is unofficially in its second week, and the numbers aren't looking good. According to a Variety story this week, ratings have seen a 4.3 per cent decline from last year, with NBC getting the worst battering, losing a whopping 16.3 per cent of its viewership, followed by CBS, with an overall ratings decline of 9.6 per cent.

Only Fox and the CW are showing modest gains, though a Fox executive told Variety that he basically blamed viewers. "I just don't think the general audience was ready or prepared or aware that broadcast TV was back with new season premieres," said Peter Liguori, chairman of entertainment for Fox. I know what he means — even I can't help but feel nostalgic for a time when we spent half the summer getting ready for the new TV season.

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As a kid, we used to scan the production notes in Variety eager for news from the sets of Happy Days and All In The Family, and would linger for hours under shady trees to escape the midday heat and imagine just what we thought was going to happen in the upcoming seasons of Rhoda and The Rockford Files. We'd even turn our backyards into the junkyard set from Sanford & Son, and fight to see who got to play Meathead or J.J. from Good Times. Kids these days — they have no respect for tradition.

Fox, true to form, has been the quickest to react, rewarding Fringe with a second season despite its disappointing performance so far, and getting ready to cancel the Sarah Connor Chronicles for dragging down the ratings for Prison Break, its lead-out show on Tuesday nights. Most returning shows are trying to regain audiences lost to the short season caused by the Hollywood writers' strike, but many of them have been off the air for 10 months. It's at times like this that a download marketplace instead of a seasonal broadcast schedule should start looking even more attractive to executives; it's already inevitable, but even at times like this, it's unwise to underestimate the entropy that rules decision-making in the TV industry.

IntelleVision

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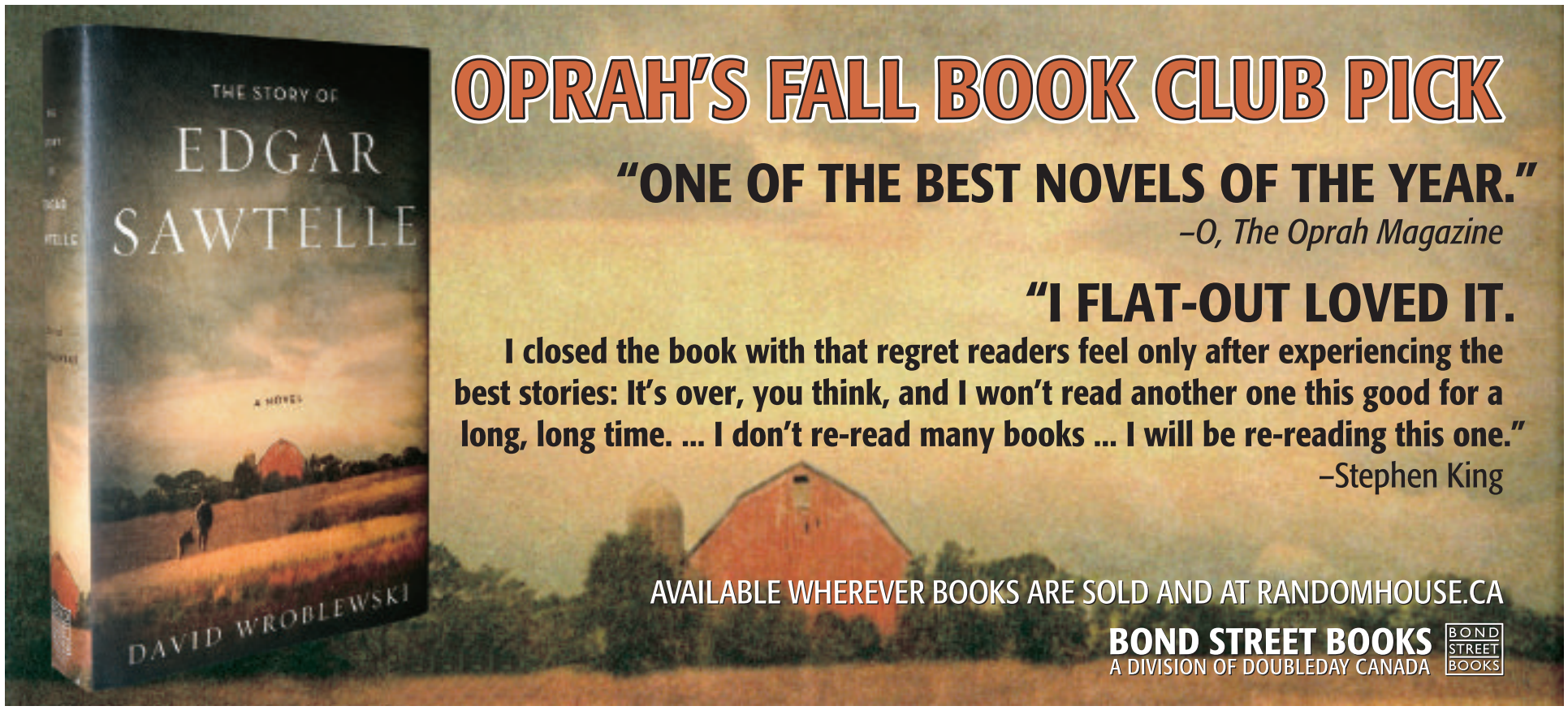
IN THE WOODS: Food programming is probably the most constricted on the air in terms of style, but the Food Network might have broken the mold with The Wild Chef, a homegrown production debuting tonight. Hosted by Martin Picard, the bear-like chef/owner of Montreal's Au Pied de Cochon, and his amiable sous chef Hugue Dufour, it's a woolly, ambling travelogue through the backwoods of Quebec, as Picard searches for something he's never eaten before, like the muskrat he barbeques in the pilot.

The show is so utterly Canadian, right to the marrow of its essence, that it practically makes up the full requirements of Cancon, and should free Food up to turn over the balance of its week to Jamie Oliver and Rachel Ray.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.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King's ready for family
Actress Jaime King is eager to have children with her director husband Kyle Newman. "I want to start soon. I love both boys and girls. We even have our names picked out," King tells OK! magazine. **IMDB.COM**

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Siblings Brooke and Nick Hogan.

Jail release to reunite Hogans

PEOPLE Wrestler Hulk Hogan's incarcerated son Nick will bring his feuding family back together when he's released from jail in Florida on Oct. 21, imdb.com reports.

His pop star sister Brooke Hogan has revealed she's planning a reunion with her estranged parents Hulk and Linda to mark Nick's release from Pinellas County Jail in Clearwater, Fla.

"For Nick, we will all go together ... It's not about us, it's about him," she says.

Brooke is planning to cook up a feast for her 18-year-old brother once he becomes a free man.

"He wants me to cook him everything that exists," she told Life + Style magazine. "Mac and cheese, cheeseburgers, salad, chicken — he'd even eat broccoli if I made it for him."

Nick is serving an eight-month sentence after pleading no contest to a felony reckless driving offence following a car crash in Clearwater, Fla., which left his friend and passenger, John Graziano, brain damaged.

Poor ratings sink 90210 Down Under

SERIES Beverly Hills, 90210 spinoff 90210 has been axed from Australian TV screens due to poor ratings, imdb.com reports.

The drama was dropped from Channel 10 after just four episodes because there wasn't enough interest in the show.

The debut program pulled in 837,000 viewers last month, while the last episode shown on Monday achieved viewing figures of just 616,000.

"90210 is an excellent show that clearly resonated with a younger audience, but it didn't have the kind of numbers needed to stay in this intensely competitive environment," a spokesperson for the channel says.

The station intends to broadcast the remaining episodes during the non-ratings period over summer.

Ten considered the series one of their most highly-anticipated programs of the year.

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Canadian actress Shenae Grimes stars in 90210.

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Fox orders full season of Fringe

SHOW Fox has picked up a full-season order of J.J. Abrams' sci-fi thriller Fringe.

Fringe stars Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson and John Noble as investigators of paranormal crimes. The network has ordered an additional nine episodes of the Tuesday night drama, which should come as no surprise to those following its ratings performance.

Fringe executive producer Abrams, who was a co-creator of Lost, said that "as with many new series, Fringe is just starting to find its groove. Knowing we'll be around beyond the first thirteen episodes means we'll get to realize the full potential of the show, and for that we are extremely grateful."

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Showtime debuts new Diablo show

COMEDY Showtime's new comedy series United States of Tara, starring Toni Collette, will debut Jan. 18.

The dark comedy, penned by Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, centers on a mom with a multiple personality disorder. John Corbett co-stars on the series, a co-production between Showtime and Dreamworks TV.

The show will air at 10 p.m., following the final-season premiere of The L Word at 9 p.m. and leading to the second-season opener of Secret Diary of a Call Girl at 10:30.

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Tween novel up for TV series

ADAPTATION Tish Cohen's tween-targeted novel The Invisible Rules of the Zoe Lama is being adapted as a live-action TV series by a Canadian production company for an initial 13 episodes of the series for worldwide broadcast sale.

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Television's 'Mr. Clean' dies of pneumonia at age 92

FAREWELL The actor who played muscular "Mr. Clean" in hundreds of dirt-busting television commercials in the late 1950s and early 1960s, has died in Los Angeles at the age of 92, his family said.

House Peters Jr.'s baldhead, hoop earring and brawny arms was the original public face of Proctor & Gamble's household cleaners with the jingle "Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean." He died of pneumonia on Wednesday, his family said.

Born into an acting family, House Peters Jr. started his career in silent movies and later made a name for himself with character parts, often as the muscled villain, in dozens of TV and movie westerns including Wagon Train, Gunsmoke and The Lone Ranger.

He won a Golden Boot award in 2000 for his lifetime contribution to the western genre.

Peters Jr. retired from acting in the late 1960s after filming his last episode of Lassie on television, in which he had a recurring role as Sheriff Jim Billings.

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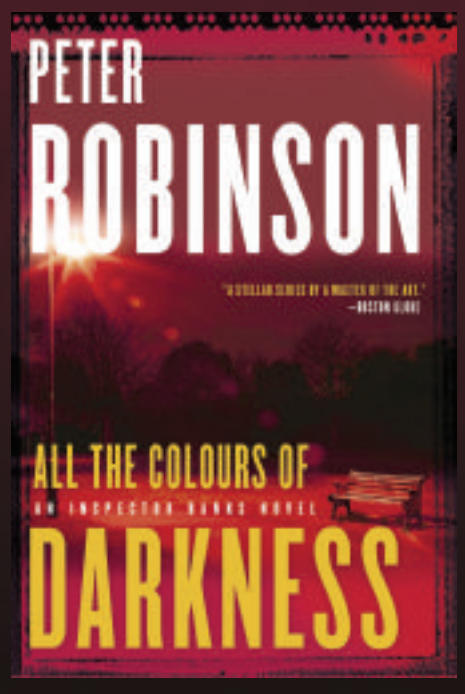

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Stone denies Botox story

Actress Sharon Stone denies ever recommending that her eight-year-old son get Botox treatments for foot odor, the actress's lawyer says in a statement. **PEOPLE.COM**

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Jennifer Hudson

Former American Idol contestant turned Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson finally released her self-titled debut album on Tuesday. The disc features the mellow and groovy song Spotlight, which is exactly where the powerhouse talent belongs.

2 Victoria Beckham's pixie cut

Designer Victoria Beckham's new do is the hottest thing in hairdressing at the moment, but it only works best on certain face shapes. "You'll need well-defined cheekbones and a low forehead to carry this look off," femalefirst.co.uk reports celebrity session stylist Denise Mcadam as saying.

3 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

"Pink" products are on sale this month to help support the fight against breast cancer, and why not take this time to think about cancer in a broader sense, too? There are more than 200 types of the disease, cancerhelp.org.uk reports, and it can develop in any organ. Awareness is one step toward gaining the upper hand over the illness.

4 30 Rock: Season 2

The sitcom 30 Rock recently won four Emmy Awards, and its second season comes out on DVD on Tuesday. The two-disc set includes commentary, deleted scenes, a "Cooter" table read and more.

5 The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel, by David Wroblewski

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel is talk-show host Oprah Winfrey's lastest choice for her book club, which practically guarantees it a spot on the bestsellers' lists. Amazon.ca describes the novel as "modern take on Hamlet set in rural Wisconsin."

6 Whole grains

If it's a baked good, there's probably a whole-grain version of it. Packed with health benefits, "exotic grains such as amaranth, quinoa, teff, millet, and Kamut are going mainstream," says American Dietetic Association President Connie Diekman, MEd, RD.

7 Fall foliage

Mother Nature's annual foliage spectacular is taking place, so consider getting outside to a park or hiking trail, with a camera in hand, to create your own postcard-perfect pictures of nature transforming.

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	245	306	6 CBRT	Heartland "Ghost Horse"		*Céline* (2008, Biography) Christine Ghawi, Jodelle Ferland.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
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sports	400	400	21 TSN	(6:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars.					SportsCentre		Motoring 2008	Poker
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family	552	543	20 YTV	*Superman Returns* ★★★ (2006, Adventure) Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden. Premiere.							Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach
	557	541	39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century* (1999)		
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	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge		Iron Chef Am.
	615	520	26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Shattered"		CSI: Miami
	617	522	32 SHOW	Wife Swap		The Guard (HDTV)		*Every Second Counts* (2008, Drama) Stephen Collins.				Weeds
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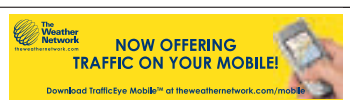

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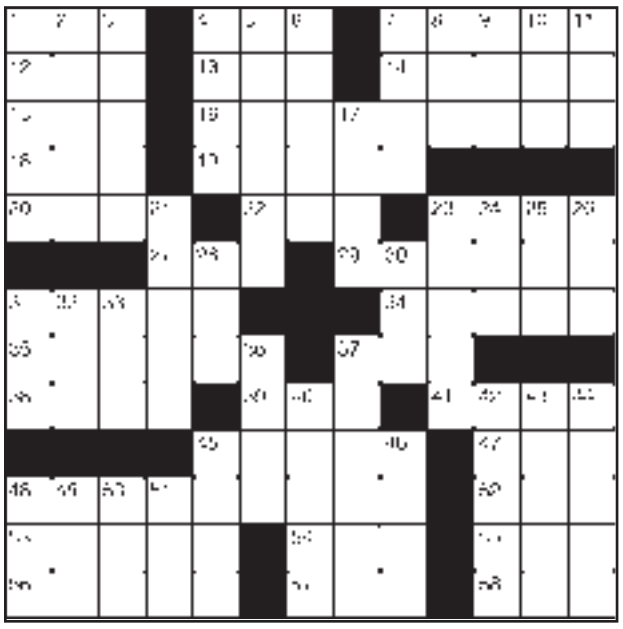

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Mischief-maker
4 Bird that lays green eggs
7 Rhino's cousin
12 Atl. state
13 PC-sharing setup
14 Unaccompanied
15 Greek vowel
16 Tour de France activity
18 Hindu title
19 Apportion
20 Bustle
22 "A mouse!"
23 Rams fans?
27 Frenzied
29 Cassandra Peterson's stage name
31 Bellybutton
34 Arts supporter
35 Slow passage
37 Announcer Pardo
38 Poet Pound
39 Air-pressure meas.
41 Hearty drink
45 Hot spot at a spa
47 Chromosome component
48 Eco-friendly activity
52 Hill dweller
53 Old market place
54 Afternoon social
55 Ball-bearing item
56 "The Planets" composer
57 Blunder
58 Storefront sign abbr.

Crossword down

1 That is (Lat.)
2 Paris subway
3 Tartan pattern
4 Exile isle
5 Sent via the USPS
6 Quitter's cry
7 Diplomacy
8 The whole enchilada
9 Luau bowlful
10 B&B
11 — U.S. Pat. Off.
17 Oxen's burden
21 The end
23 Cowgirl Dale
24 Minn. neighbor
25 Before
26 Frivolous one, in song
28 Will Smith biopic
30 Author Buscaglia
31 Dundee denial
32 Wood-shaping tool
33 Kin of: alt sp.
36 Milky gemstone
37 Main meal
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Ire
43 Central
44 Microsoft founder
45 "Begone!"
46 Culture medium
48 "Hurray!"
49 Id counterpart
50 Army rank (Abbr.)
51 Decade parts (Abbr.)

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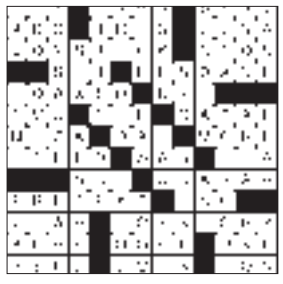

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Recipe of the day

Shrimp, Melon and Mango Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 lb (500 g) cooked peeled large shrimp
1 mango
1 honeydew melon, peeled and cubed
8 cherry tomatoes, halved
3 cups (750 mL) arugula leaves
1 medium cucumber, sliced
Salt and pepper

DRESSING:
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tbsp (15 mL) honey
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh mint

Fresh mint leaves as garnish

METHOD:
1. Whisk together all the dressing ingredients in a large bowl Season lightly with salt and pepper. Add the shrimp to the dressing, cover and leave to marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour.
2. Halve the mango lengthwise, cutting down each side of the pit. Cut the flesh on each half in a criss-cross fashion to make cubes, then cut the cubes away from the skin.
3. Remove the shrimp from the fridge. Add the mango, melon and tomatoes and gently stir together. Arrange the arugula leaves and cucumber slices around the edge of a shallow serving dish, and spoon the shrimp mixture into the centre. Garnish with sprigs of mint and serve.

Calories 242, calories from fat 54, fat 6 g, saturated fat 1 g, cholesterol 147 mg, carbohydrate 33 g, fibre 3 g, sugars 29 g, protein 18 g.
SERVES 6

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Team spirit and helpfulness will win the day. You will be asked to control yourself. A trip will bring contentment.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
True friends won't enjoy any spiteful gossip. Don't let pride stand in the way of accepting a benefit. An overwhelming sentimentality flusters you.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Exciting thoughts will cloud your mind. Wear something fabulous to socialize. Subterfuge gives you something to think about.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
People may think you're too conservative. You were told the absolute truth by a friend. Take care around supervisors and co-workers.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
There's deep respect and appreciation for your loyalty. Dissatisfaction can cause snappish remarks to wound others. Unique ideas are being generated.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A visitor creates tensions between friends. A strange battle affects your schedule. You'll remember the events that led to a loss.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Find the time to do some self-nurturing. Questions about past activities will arise. Someone in charge thinks that you're a loose cannon.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been misinformed about someone's negligence. A co-worker will ask for money. It's possible to defeat yourself by being tyrannical.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Discomfort causes you to investigate the truth. Everything you say seems to be unheeded. There's a lot of exaggeration going on.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Broken hearts will alter marriage plans. A dazzling object needs some mending. Be very straightforward in all your dealings.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Memories will be created by being brave. Being overcautious will retard your progress. Think hard before refusing some satisfying work.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Frustration is overcome with help of others. Keep future plans to yourself. Assistance causes more trouble than it's worth.

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OCT. 3, 1795: General Napoleon Bonaparte first rises to national prominence being named to defend the French National Convention against armed counter-revolutionary rioters threatening the three year old revolutionary government.OCT. 3, 1535: Jacques Cartier disc
OCT. 3, 1863: Thanksgiving Day declared as the fourth Thursday in November by President Abraham Lincoln.
OCT. 3, 1932: Iraq gains independence from Britain.
OCT. 3, 1952: United Kingdom successfully tests a nuclear weapon.
OCT. 3, 1957: Allen Ginsberg's Howl and Other Poems is ruled not obscene.

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Khloe not keeping up with rehab

PEOPLE A judge has ordered reality TV star Khloe Kardashian to complete a court-imposed course of drug and alcohol classes in the next six weeks, after learning she had missed her deadline, imdb.com reports.

The Keeping Up With The Kardashians star was handed the sentence, along with a short jail term, when she was convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) in July.

A Los Angeles court was told on Wednesday Kardashian failed to complete the course because scheduled dates clashed with holidays when the centre was closed. She has now been given until Nov. 17 to attend the missed lessons, and ordered to spend a day working in an L.A. morgue. Kardashian, 24, has already spent 173 hours in a California jail, stemming from her 2007 arrest.

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Legend's prediction was right: Arquette

LOVE Screen legend Bette Davis' prediction that actress Rosanna Arquette would be unlucky in love if she enjoyed career success has been proven correct — 30 years after the prophecy, the star is a triple divorcee, imdb.com reports.

Davis gave the actress some words of advice back in 1978, when Arquette was just 19. Now, after three failed marriages, she is ready to concede that Davis was correct. "She told me that you can't have both a love life and a career in pictures at the same time, and it has proven to be true — she was right," Arquette tells the New York Post. Arquette, now 49, wed first husband Anthony Greco in July 1979, but divorced the following year. She then married James Newton Howard but split from him in 1987 after one year together. Her third marriage to John Sidel also ended in divorce. They parted ways after six years and have one child, 14-year-old Zoe.

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All-natural birth for Hart

MOTHERHOOD Actress Melissa Joan Hart was determined to give birth to her second child naturally and ordered her family to stop her demanding pain killers during her labour, imdb.com reports. The former Sabrina the Teenage Witch star delivered son Braydon in March, her second son with husband Mark Wilkerson. "I told my mom and my husband, don't let me have (the drugs)," she tells Us Weekly magazine. "I kinda regret that one. But the thing is, the healing was so much faster. I didn't have to get the drugs out of my system and was moving around a lot more. I laboured at home for nine hours and then went to the hospital for an hour and a half — two pushes and he was out."

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Doherty admits to picking wrong men

LOVE Actress Shannen Doherty admits, "I haven't made the best choices in men," in a new interview with Details magazine. She married George Hamilton's son, Ashley, in 1993 after two weeks of dating. They split seven months later. But out of all of her past romances, Doherty says she has no regrets over Rick Salomon, who appeared in the infamous Paris Hilton sex tape, usmagazine.com reports. "There was something that Rick provided that was amazing to me," the currently single star tells Details. Still, she adds, "I look at what he did (with Hilton) and think, 'God, that's disgusting.'" But during their 2002 marriage (which was later annulled), "I never had someone make me laugh so much. I was madly in love. It was a really hard marriage. When it ended, it was a heart-crushing thing."

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Mills not going anywhere

DENIALS Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills has denied she plans to move to a Caribbean island owned by tycoon Richard Branson, branding the rumour "totally made up," imdb.com reports. Last month the former glamour model was alleged to be setting up home on Branson's exclusive Necker Island, in a bid to escape the press intrusion in her native Britain. "Wouldn't that (moving to Necker Island) have been lovely? Where was my daughter supposed to have gone to school? That's totally made up," she says.

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Wedding bells?
Melissa Etheridge plans to legally tie the knot with her longtime partner. "We're trying to find the right time now to go and do it," Etheridge said. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

To use a completely illogical metaphor, the train wreck that is the public life of **Heather Mills McCartney** just keeps chugging right along.

The latest is that Ms. Mills McCartney is denying she has plans to live on an island owned by **Richard Branson** in order to escape the prying eyes and flashbulbs of the press.

Let's examine this 'rumour' that she is denying, shall we?

First, it associates Mills McCartney with Richard Branson.

Second, it implies that she is under so much duress from media scrutiny that an escape to a remote island is necessary.

Given these two findings, I submit that Mills McCartney started the rumour she is now denying.

However, I do sympathize, since she evidently has nothing else to do with her time except count her divorce settlement money and perfect her 'crazy eyes' look in the mirror.

Heck, I'll even participate in Heather's insatiable quest for notoriety by suggesting alternate island locales that might also be considered for her exile. Please tell your friends.

1. **Gilligan's Island:** Hey, there's a rich guy there. All she has to do is wait for 'Lovey' Howell to die.
2. **Greenland:** I'm sure the sealhunters and whalers there would be very receptive to Mills McCartney's ideas about how they should support themselves.
3. **Thousand Islands:** The lone Canadian entry. Hey, there's a thousand of them, so Heather can hide on a different one every day from the throng of media that pursues her.
4. **The Island of Dr. Moreau:** Perfect. It only exists in fiction, much like Mills McCartney's perception of her own importance, and of the public's interest in her.

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Alba's creative weight loss plan

PEOPLE Actress Jessica Alba has bought clothes a size too small in an effort to spur her into shedding the weight she gained while pregnant, MSNBC reports.

Alba gave birth to daughter Honor Marie in June.

On Sept. 16, Alba dropped $16,000 US on a new, smaller-sized wardrobe, In Touch reports. Working out is part of the plan, too. The magazine spoke with her trainer, Ramona Braganza, who says Alba follows a strict diet of low-fat, high-protein foods such as oatmeal, egg whites, fish and brown rice. "Jessica has always preferred healthy food," Braganza told the magazine.

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Mayer hangin' with the homeboys

PEOPLE John Mayer has had a reputation as a ladies' man, but these days, he's all about his boys, intouchweekly.com reports.

"Since his breakup with Jennifer Aniston, he isn't into anyone," an insider tells In Touch. Even when the 30-year-old rocker hit N.Y.C. hotspot Tenjune on Sept. 16, he only hung out with guys.

"Lately, he's really only spending time with his longtime friends — even some high school pals," says the insider, adding that they can all be counted on to keep mum about his private life. "He's always just with the people he can depend on. He's even calling them his 'circle of trust.'" An insider says Mayer's "circle of trust" includes comedian Sherrod Small and actor Justin Long.

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Allen needs help: Friends

PROBLEMS Singer Lily Allen's friends are urging the singer to go to rehab, perezhilton.com reports.

After a reported few too many recently, Allen's friends are trying to tell her to get help because she allegedly drinks too much and consequently feels depressed.

"She's now saying she wants to move to L.A. for a fresh start, but we think she's just running away and needs to get help now," a friend says.

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Marriage for Bundchen, Brady?

COUPLES Model Giselle Bundchen and her injured quarterback boyfriend, New England Patriots player Tom Brady, may be walking down the aisle soon, perezhilton.com reports.

Rumours are circulating that a wedding could be in the future.

"I don't think they will even bother getting engaged — and will just slip off and marry quietly," a close friend of Bundchen tells the Chicago Sun Times.

"I think that's sooner rather than later."

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celebrity briefs

Fey to cash in with book deal?

PEOPLE 30 Rock creator Tina Fey looks set to cash in on her recent Emmy triumph — she's reportedly been offered a whopping $6 million US to publish her first book, imdb.com reports. However, the book will not be a memoir — the publication claims it's been pitched as "non-fiction humour, more in the style of author, screenwriter and film director Nora Ephron."

7th Heaven star on Cloud 9

MARRIAGE 7th Heaven star Beverley Mitchell married Michael Cameron on Wednesday, People.com reports. The couple were married in Ravello, Italy. According to sources, among the 100 guests were Mitchell's former co-star — and bridesmaid — Jessica Biel along with her boyfriend Justin Timberlake.

Paltrow purges her closet

CHARITY Gwyneth Paltrow has cleaned out her closet for charity, selling a selection of her designer dresses to raise money for underprivileged kids, imdb.com reports. Paltrow, who lives in London, has decided to sell off all of her unwanted clothes and accessories in aid of British charity the Kids Company.

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